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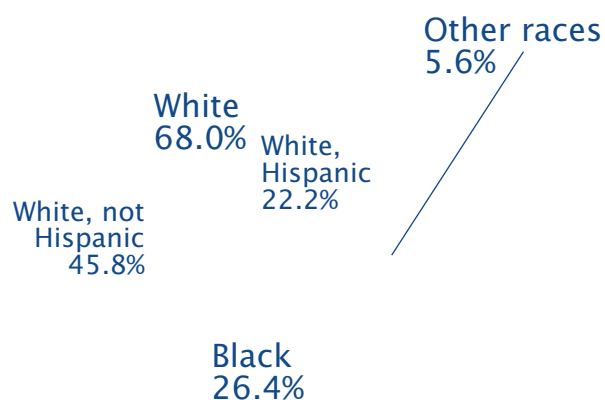
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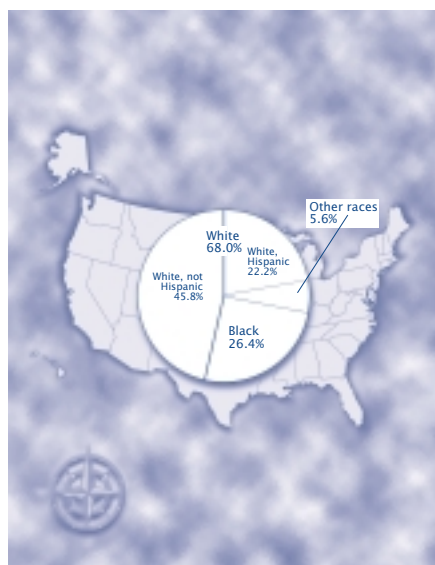
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Poverty in the United States: 1998

INTRODUCTION

Poor people in the United States are so diverse that they cannot be characterized along any one dimension. Therefore, this report presents poverty data by selected characteristics—age, race and Hispanic origin,¹ nativity, family composition, work experience, and geography—to illustrate how poverty rates vary.

The estimates in this report are based on interviewing a sample of the population. Respondents provide answers to the survey questions to the best of their ability. As with all surveys, the estimates may differ from the actual values.

HIGHLIGHTS

(Confidence intervals for estimates are provided in Table A. The uncertainty in the estimates should be taken into consideration when using these estimates.)

- The poverty rate for the United States dropped to 12.7 percent in 1998, down from 13.3 percent in 1997. The number of poor dropped significantly also, to 34.5 million people, down from 35.6 million people in 1997.
- The number of poor children and their poverty rate decreased as well. In 1998, 13.5 million or 18.9 percent of people under 18 years of age were poor, down from the 14.1 million and 19.9 percent reported for 1997. This was the first time the child poverty rate has been significantly below 20 percent since 1980.
- The poverty rate also decreased for Hispanics: 25.6 percent were poor in 1998, down from 27.1 percent in 1997.
- The poverty rate declined among Whites not of Hispanic origin: 8.2 percent were poor in 1998, down from 8.6 percent reported for 1997.
- The poverty rate for Blacks did not change between 1997 and 1998. At 26.1 percent in 1998, it remained at the lowest level since 1959.
- The South's poverty rate declined to a new record low of 13.7 percent in 1998, down from 14.6 percent in 1997. The number of poor in the South declined to 13.0 million in 1998, down from 13.7 million in 1997.

- Outside metropolitan areas, the number of poor people as well as the poverty rate declined. In 1998, 14.4 percent of people outside metropolitan areas were poor, down from 15.9 percent in 1997.
- The average income deficit for poor families (the average dollar amount needed to raise a poor family out of poverty) was \$6,620 in 1998; this was statistically unchanged from 1997.
- In three states the poverty rate changed significantly, based on the 2-year moving averages of 1997-98 with those for 1996-97. The poverty rate dropped in New Mexico and Virginia, while North Dakota showed an increase.

HOW THE CENSUS BUREAU MEASURES POVERTY

Following the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Statistical Policy Directive 14, the U.S. Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor (see Table A-2, Appendix A). If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family, and every individual in it, is considered poor. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but they are updated annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and does not include capital gains and noncash benefits (such as public housing, medicaid, and food stamps). Poverty is not defined for people in military barracks, institutional group quarters, or for unrelated individuals under age 15 (such as foster children). They are excluded from the poverty universe—that is, they are considered neither as "poor" nor as "nonpoor."

This report also presents data by two other measures: the ratio of income to poverty threshold and the income deficit. The ratio of income to poverty threshold shows the number and percent of people with incomes below multiples of their poverty thresholds; the income deficit shows the dollar difference between families' income and their respective poverty thresholds.

The numbers in this report are estimates for calendar year 1998, and are based on the March 1999 Current Population Survey (CPS), conducted by the Census Bureau. For more details about how these data were collected, please see the section entitled "Notes and Users' Comments."

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Table A. People and Families in Poverty by Selected Characteristics: 1989, 1997, and 1998

[Numbers in thousands. For an explanation of confidence intervals (C.I.), see "Standard errors and their use" in Appendix C]

Characteristic	Below poverty, 1998				Below poverty, 1997				Below poverty, 1989 ^f			
	Number	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Percent	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Number	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Percent	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Number	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Percent	90-pct. C.I. (±)
PEOPLE												
Total	34,476	920	12.7	0.3	35,574	931	13.3	0.3	32,415	859	13.1	0.3
Family Status												
In families	25,370	804	11.2	0.4	26,217	814	11.6	0.4	24,882	765	11.8	0.4
Householder	7,186	248	10.0	0.4	7,324	252	10.3	0.4	6,895	232	10.4	0.4
Related children under 18	12,845	479	18.3	0.7	13,422	485	19.2	0.7	12,541	454	19.4	0.7
Related children under 6	4,775	309	20.6	1.4	5,049	316	21.6	1.4	5,116	306	22.5	1.4
In unrelated subfamilies	628	66	48.8	6.0	670	67	46.5	5.5	727	67	54.6	6.1
Reference person	247	41	47.4	9.2	259	41	45.0	8.5	284	41	51.8	9.1
Children under 18	361	89	50.5	14.2	403	94	48.9	13.0	430	92	60.5	15.3
Unrelated individual	8,478	275	19.9	0.7	8,687	280	20.8	0.7	6,807	230	19.3	0.7
Male	3,465	161	17.0	0.8	3,447	161	17.4	0.9	2,577	132	15.8	0.8
Female	5,013	201	22.6	1.0	5,240	206	24.0	1.0	4,230	174	22.3	1.0
Race² and Hispanic Origin³												
White, total	23,454	776	10.5	0.3	24,396	790	11.0	0.4	21,294	712	10.2	0.3
White, not Hispanic	15,799	646	8.2	0.3	16,491	660	8.6	0.3	15,499	615	8.3	0.3
Black, total	9,091	434	26.1	1.2	9,116	434	26.5	1.3	9,525	423	30.8	1.4
Asian and Pacific Islander, total	1,360	181	12.5	1.7	1,468	186	14.0	1.8	1,032	155	14.2	2.1
Hispanic origin, ³ all races	8,070	411	25.6	1.3	8,308	413	27.1	1.3	6,086	357	26.3	1.5
Age												
Under 18 years	13,467	487	18.9	0.7	14,113	495	19.9	0.7	13,154	462	20.1	0.7
18 to 64 years	17,623	674	10.5	0.4	18,085	681	10.9	0.4	15,950	617	10.4	0.4
18 to 24 years	4,312	201	16.6	0.8	4,416	204	17.5	0.8	4,132	189	15.4	0.7
25 to 34 years	4,582	214	11.9	0.6	4,759	219	12.1	0.6	4,873	212	11.2	0.5
35 to 44 years	4,082	202	9.1	0.5	4,251	207	9.6	0.5	3,115	171	8.3	0.5
45 to 54 years	2,444	158	6.9	0.4	2,439	158	7.2	0.5	1,873	133	7.5	0.5
55 to 59 years	1,165	110	9.2	0.9	1,092	107	9.0	0.9	971	97	9.5	0.9
60 to 64 years	1,039	104	10.1	1.0	1,127	109	11.2	1.1	986	97	9.4	0.9
65 years and over	3,386	179	10.5	0.6	3,376	179	10.5	0.6	3,312	171	11.4	0.6
Nativity												
Native	29,707	860	12.1	0.4	30,336	869	12.5	0.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Foreign-born	4,769	413	18.0	1.6	5,238	433	19.9	1.6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Naturalized citizen	1,087	199	11.0	2.0	1,111	201	11.4	2.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not a citizen	3,682	364	22.2	2.2	4,127	385	25.0	2.3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Region												
Northeast	6,357	385	12.3	0.8	6,474	388	12.6	0.8	5,213	336	10.2	0.7
Midwest	6,501	428	10.3	0.7	6,493	428	10.4	0.7	7,088	429	12.0	0.7
South	12,992	612	13.7	0.7	13,748	628	14.6	0.7	13,277	594	15.6	0.7
West	8,625	505	14.0	0.8	8,858	512	14.6	0.9	6,838	433	12.8	0.8
Residence												
Inside metropolitan areas	26,997	827	12.3	0.4	27,273	829	12.6	0.4	23,726	748	12.3	0.4
Inside central cities	14,921	630	18.5	0.8	15,018	632	18.8	0.8	14,151	589	18.5	0.8
Outside central cities	12,076	569	8.7	0.4	12,255	572	9.0	0.4	9,574	489	8.2	0.4
Outside metropolitan areas	7,479	554	14.4	1.1	8,301	582	15.9	1.1	8,690	571	15.9	1.1
FAMILIES												
Total	7,186	248	10.0	0.4	7,324	252	10.3	0.4	6,895	232	10.4	0.4
White, total	4,829	196	8.0	0.3	4,990	199	8.4	0.3	4,457	179	7.9	0.3
White, not Hispanic	3,264	156	6.1	0.3	3,357	160	6.3	0.3	3,287	151	6.4	0.3
Black, total	1,981	118	23.4	1.5	1,985	118	23.6	1.5	2,108	118	27.9	1.7
Asian and Pacific Islander, total	270	43	11.0	1.8	244	41	10.2	1.8	201	35	12.2	2.2
Hispanic origin, ³ all races	1,648	109	22.7	1.5	1,721	110	24.7	1.6	1,227	89	23.7	1.8
Type of Family												
Married-couple	2,879	146	5.3	0.3	2,821	145	5.2	0.3	2,965	143	5.7	0.3
White	2,400	132	5.0	0.3	2,312	130	4.8	0.3	2,347	125	5.0	0.3
White, not Hispanic	1,639	107	3.8	0.2	1,501	102	3.5	0.2	1,776	107	4.1	0.3
Black	290	44	7.3	1.1	312	46	8.0	1.2	444	53	11.7	1.4
Hispanic origin, ³ all races	775	72	15.7	1.5	836	76	17.4	1.6	592	61	16.4	1.8
Female householder, no husband present	3,831	171	29.9	1.5	3,995	176	31.6	1.5	3,575	158	32.6	1.6
White	2,123	123	24.9	1.6	2,305	130	27.7	1.7	1,886	112	25.8	1.7
White, not Hispanic	1,428	100	20.7	1.6	1,598	107	23.4	1.7	1,341	92	21.7	1.6
Black	1,557	105	40.8	3.1	1,563	105	39.8	3.0	1,553	100	46.7	3.4
Hispanic origin, ³ all races	756	72	43.7	4.7	767	72	47.6	5.1	576	59	48.0	5.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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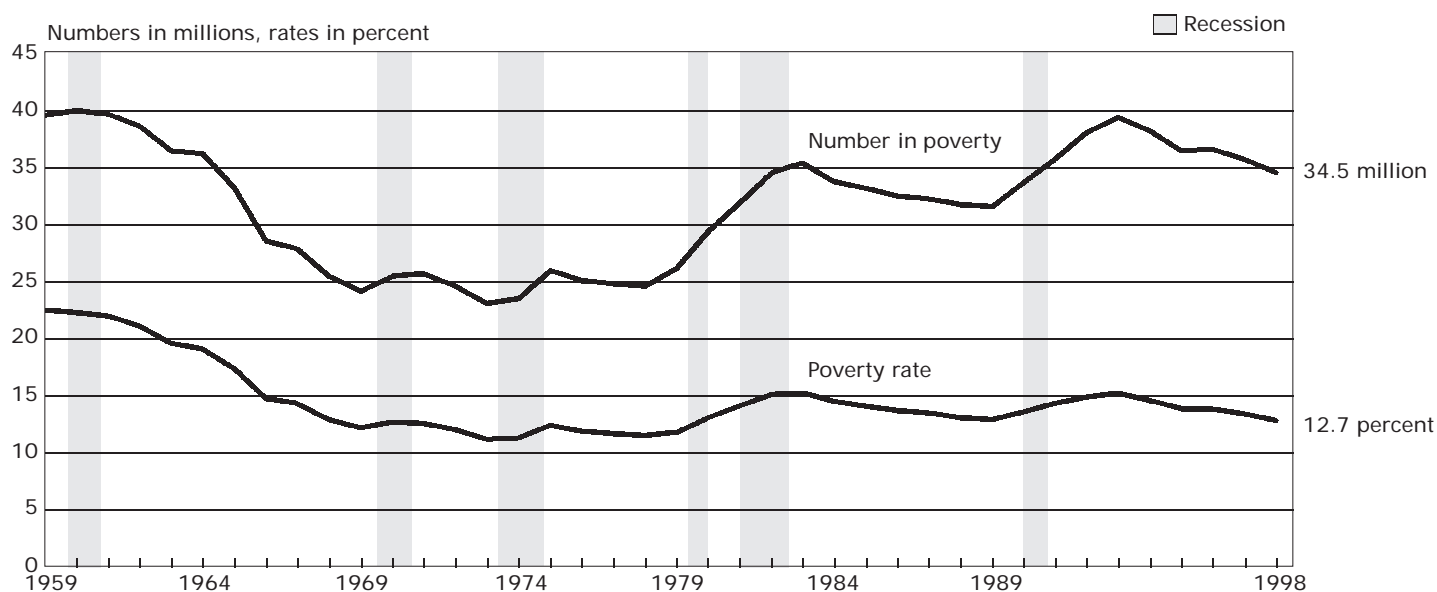
Characteristic	Change 1997 to 1998 ¹				Change 1989 ¹ to 1998 ¹			
	Number	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Percent	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Number	90-pct. C.I. (±)	Percent	90-pct. C.I. (±)
PEOPLE								
Total	* -1,098	971	* -0.5	0.4	* 2,060	1,258	-0.3	0.5
Family status								
In families	-847	849	* -0.5	0.4	488	1,109	* -0.6	0.5
Householder	-138	262	-0.3	0.4	291	341	-0.4	0.5
Related children under 18	* -577	505	* -0.9	0.8	304	660	* -1.1	1.0
Related children under 6	-275	327	-1.0	1.5	-341	434	-1.9	2.0
In unrelated subfamilies	-42	69	2.2	6.0	* -99	94	-5.9	8.6
Reference person	-12	43	2.3	9.3	-36	58	-4.5	13.0
Children under 18	-42	95	1.6	14.3	-69	128	-10.0	20.9
Unrelated individual	-209	291	* -0.9	0.7	* 1,671	359	0.7	1.0
Male	18	169	-0.4	0.9	* 889	209	* 1.2	1.2
Female	* -227	212	* -1.3	1.0	* 782	265	0.3	1.4
Race² and Hispanic Origin³								
White, total	* -942	892	* -0.5	0.4	* 2,160	1,053	0.3	0.5
White, not Hispanic	-692	745	* -0.4	0.4	301	892	-0.2	0.5
Black, total	-25	456	-0.4	1.3	-434	607	* -4.7	1.9
Asian and Pacific Islander, total	-108	192	-1.5	1.8	* 327	237	-1.7	2.7
Hispanic origin ³ , all races	-238	344	* -1.5	1.1	* 1,984	544	-0.7	2.0
Age								
Under 18 years	* -647	515	* -1.0	0.7	312	671	* -1.2	1.0
18 to 64 years	-462	711	-0.4	0.4	* 1,673	913	0.2	0.6
18 to 24 years	-104	212	* -0.9	0.8	181	276	* 1.2	1.0
25 to 34 years	-177	227	-0.2	0.6	-292	301	0.7	0.7
35 to 44 years	-169	215	-0.4	0.5	* 967	265	* 0.8	0.6
45 to 54 years	5	165	-0.2	0.5	* 571	206	-0.5	0.7
55 to 59 years	72	114	0.3	0.9	* 194	146	-0.3	1.3
60 to 64 years	-88	112	* -1.1	1.1	52	143	0.6	1.4
65 years and over	10	188	-0.1	0.6	75	248	* -0.9	0.8
Nativity								
Native	-629	906	* -0.4	0.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Foreign born	* -469	444	* -1.9	1.7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Naturalized citizen	-24	209	-0.4	2.1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Not a citizen	* -445	393	* -2.7	2.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Region								
Northeast	-117	406	-0.4	0.8	* 1,145	510	* 2.0	1.0
Midwest	8	449	-0.1	0.7	-587	605	* -1.7	1.0
South	* -757	651	* -0.9	0.7	-285	854	* -1.9	1.0
West	-233	533	-0.6	0.9	* 1,788	666	* 1.2	1.2
Residence								
Inside metropolitan areas	-276	869	-0.3	0.4	* 3,271	1,115	0.1	0.5
Inside central cities	-97	661	-0.3	0.8	770	862	-	1.1
Outside central cities	-179	599	-0.3	0.4	* 2,501	750	0.5	0.6
Outside metropolitan areas	* -822	595	* -1.5	1.2	* -1,211	795	* -1.5	1.5
FAMILIES								
Total	-138	285	-0.3	0.4	291	341	-0.4	0.5
White, total	-162	234	-0.3	0.4	* 371	265	0.1	0.5
White, not Hispanic	-93	188	-0.2	0.4	-23	217	-0.3	0.4
Black, total	-4	137	-0.2	1.7	-127	168	* -4.5	2.2
Asian and Pacific Islander, total	26	48	0.7	2.0	* 69	54	-1.2	2.9
Hispanic origin ³ , all races	-73	104	* -2.1	1.5	* 421	140	-1.1	2.4
Type of Family								
Married-couple	58	166	0.1	0.3	-87	204	* -0.4	0.4
White	88	155	0.1	0.3	53	183	-0.1	0.4
White, not Hispanic	* 138	125	* 0.3	0.3	-137	153	* -0.4	0.4
Black	-22	51	-0.7	1.3	* -154	69	* -4.5	1.8
Hispanic origin ³ , all races	-61	71	* -1.7	1.5	* 183	95	-0.7	2.3
Female householder, no husband present	-164	197	-1.6	1.7	* 256	234	* -2.7	2.2
White	* -181	150	* -2.8	1.9	* 238	166	-0.9	2.3
White, not Hispanic	* -170	122	* -2.7	1.9	86	137	-1.0	2.2
Black	-5	120	1.0	3.4	5	145	* -5.9	4.6
Hispanic origin, ³ all races	-11	69	-3.9	4.7	* 179	94	-4.3	7.4

- Represents zero. NA Not available. ¹ Revised, based on 1990 census population controls. * Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

²As a result of rounding, some differences may appear to be slightly higher or lower than the difference of the reported rates. ³Data for American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts are not shown separately. Data for this population group should not be tabulated from the CPS because of its small sample size. ⁴Hispanics may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1990, 1998, and 1999 Current Population Surveys.

Figure 1.
Number of Poor and Poverty Rate: 1959 to 1998



Note: The data points represent the midpoints of the respective years. The latest recession began in July of 1990 and ended in March 1991.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1960-March 1999 Current Population Survey.

POVERTY IN THE UNITED STATES

The 1998 poverty rate of 12.7 percent was significantly lower than the 13.3 percent reported for 1997. The number of people with family incomes below their official poverty level in 1998 was 34.5 million, down from 35.6 million people in 1997.

Between 1997 and 1998, the poverty rate declined by a statistically significant amount for children, Hispanics, Whites not of Hispanic origin, female unrelated individuals (women not living with any relatives), people living in the South, and people living outside metropolitan areas.

The 1998 poverty rate of 12.7 percent was not statistically different from the poverty rate in 1989, when the economic expansion of the 1980s reduced the poverty rate to 13.1 percent.² Figure 1 shows poverty rates and the number of poor from 1959 to 1998. Although the overall poverty rate for 1998 is statistically similar to that reported for 1989, for some groups, poverty rates were lower in 1998 than in 1989. These groups included: Blacks, children (individuals under age 18), the elderly (individuals aged 65 or older), residents of the Midwest and South, people living outside metropolitan areas, married-couple families, female-householder families,

Black families, Black married-couple families, and Black female-householder families. Groups with poverty rates that were higher in 1998 than in 1989 included male unrelated individuals and residents of the Northeast and West.

Age

The number of poor and the poverty rate for children declined significantly; however, the child poverty rate remained significantly higher than the rates for working-age adults and the elderly. Among children, the poverty rate decreased to 18.9 percent in 1998, down from 19.9 percent in 1997. The number of poor children decreased to 13.5 million in 1998, down from 14.1 million in 1997. For people 18 to 64 years old and for people aged 65 and over, neither the poverty rate nor the number of poor changed (see Table A).

In addition to having the highest poverty rate of the age groups in Table A, children continued to represent a large share of the poor population (39 percent) even though they were only about 26 percent of the total population.

Children under age 6 remained particularly vulnerable. In 1998, the overall poverty rate for related children under 6 was 20.6 percent, statistically unchanged from 1997. Even more striking, related children under age 6 living in families with a female householder, no husband present, had a poverty rate (54.8 percent) that was more than five times the rate for their counterparts in married-couple families (10.1 percent).

²The 1989 figures listed in the text and in Table A have been adjusted to 1990 census population controls for more meaningful comparisons with figures from the 1990s. As a result, these figures do not match the 1989 figures listed in the time-series tables in Appendix B. The reader is also cautioned that these comparisons are between 1989 and 1998 only and should not be interpreted as a trend.

Race and Hispanic Origin

For Hispanics and for Whites not of Hispanic origin, the poverty rate declined significantly in 1998 (see Table A). The Hispanic poverty rate was 25.6 percent in 1998, down from 27.1 percent in 1997. Among non-Hispanic Whites, the poverty rate dropped to 8.2 percent in 1998, from 8.6 percent in 1997.³ The number of poor Hispanics and non-Hispanic Whites remained statistically unchanged: 8.1 million and 15.8 million, respectively, in 1998.

Poverty remained statistically unchanged both among Blacks and among Asians and Pacific Islanders. In 1998, 9.1 million or 26.1 percent of Blacks were poor, and 1.4 million or 12.5 percent of Asians and Pacific Islanders were poor.

Even though the 1998 poverty rate for Blacks (26.1 percent) remained statistically unchanged from 1997, it continued to represent the lowest level since 1959, the earliest year for which poverty statistics are available. However, the lack of change in poverty among Blacks in 1998 contrasts with 1997, when Blacks accounted for more than one-half of the net decline in the number of poor people.

Even though the poverty rates for Whites (10.5 percent) and non-Hispanic Whites (8.2 percent) were lower than those for the other racial and ethnic groups, the majority of poor people in 1998 were White. Among the poor, 68 percent were White and 46 percent were non-Hispanic White.

Nativity

In 1998, United States natives⁴ and noncitizens experienced declines in poverty. The poverty rate for natives fell to 12.1 percent, down from 12.5 percent in 1997. Both the number of poor (3.7 million) and the poverty rate (22.2 percent) fell for noncitizens, down from 4.1 million and 25.0 percent in 1997. The poverty rate for naturalized citizens, 11.0 percent, was statistically unchanged from 1997 and was not statistically different from the poverty rate for natives. Since noncitizens comprised the majority (16.6 million) of the 26.4 million foreign-born individuals living in the United States, the foreign-born poverty rate is disproportionately high (18.0 percent, compared with 12.7 percent for all people).

³The decline in poverty rate among Hispanics was not statistically different from the decline in poverty rate among non-Hispanic Whites.

⁴Natives are defined as people born in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or an outlying area of the U.S., and those born in a foreign country but who had at least one parent who was a U.S. citizen. All others are foreign-born regardless of date of entry into the U.S. or citizenship status. The Current Population Survey, the source of these data, does not extend to Puerto Rico or to the outlying areas of the U.S., and thus those living there are excluded from the official poverty statistics.

Families, Family Composition, and Unrelated Individuals

In 1998, neither the number of poor families nor the poverty rate for families declined overall; however, these measures did fall for some subgroups. In 1998, 7.2 million families were poor, and the family poverty rate was 10.0 percent.

Families of Hispanic origin had a significant decline in their poverty rate: 22.7 percent of Hispanic families were poor in 1998, down from 24.7 percent in 1997. The number of poor Hispanic families, 1.6 million, remained statistically unchanged from 1997. For other racial and ethnic groups, neither the poverty rate nor the number of poor families changed significantly.

However, looking at family poverty rates by type of householder, one does see significant differences. White non-Hispanic married-couple families had an *increase* in their (albeit low) poverty rate and number poor—3.8 percent and 1.6 million in 1998, up from 3.5 percent and 1.5 million in 1997. At the same time, White non-Hispanic families with a female householder, no husband present had a *decrease* in their poverty rate and number poor—20.7 percent and 1.4 million in 1998, down from 23.4 percent and 1.6 million in 1997.

The poverty rate of married-couple Hispanic families declined to 15.7 percent in 1998, down from 17.4 percent in 1997. The number of poor married-couple Hispanic families did not change significantly—the figure was 0.8 million in 1998.

Female-householder families contrasted most starkly with married-couple families. Families with a female householder, no husband present had the highest poverty rate in 1998 (29.9 percent) and comprised the majority of poor families (53 percent). Married-couple families, by contrast, had the lowest poverty rate (5.3 percent), yet still comprised a large share of poor families (40 percent) since they were the most common type of family.

The poverty rate for unrelated individuals (people not living with any relatives) declined in 1998 to 19.9 percent from 20.8 percent in 1997. Among female unrelated individuals, both the number of poor and the poverty rate declined. In 1998, 5.0 million, or 22.6 percent of female unrelated individuals were poor, significantly lower than the 5.2 million and 24.0 percent reported for 1997.⁵ Unrelated individuals accounted for 25 percent of the poor population, compared with only 16 percent of the total population.

Work Experience

People who worked at any time during the year had a lower poverty rate than nonworkers (6.3 percent compared with 21.1 percent; see Table 3). Among poor

⁵The percentage-point decline for female unrelated individuals was not significantly different from the decline for all unrelated individuals.

people, many worked either part-time or part-year. Of poor people 16 years old and over, 41 percent worked, but only 13 percent worked full-time, year-round. In contrast, 70 percent of all people aged 16 years old and over worked and 46 percent worked full-time, year-round.

Region

The South had a substantial decline in its poverty rate and number of poor people—13.7 percent and 13.0 million in 1998, down from 14.6 percent and 13.7 million in 1997. Before 1994, the South had the highest regional poverty rate. Since then, the West has had a poverty rate not significantly different from that of the South. With a 1998 poverty rate of 13.7 percent, the South achieved an all-time low. None of the other regions experienced significant declines in their poverty rates in 1998; the West had a poverty rate of 14.0 percent, the Northeast, 12.3 percent, and the Midwest, 10.3 percent.

Residence

The poverty rate and number of people in poverty outside metropolitan areas decreased in 1998 to 14.4 percent and 7.5 million people, from 15.9 percent and 8.3 million people in 1997. No significant changes occurred for those living within metropolitan areas. The poverty rate for metropolitan areas was 12.3 percent in 1998, but those living inside central cities had a poverty rate (18.5 percent) more than twice that for those living in the suburbs⁶ (8.7 percent).

State Poverty Data

Table B contains poverty rates for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the United States total using 3-year averages covering 1996 to 1998. These 3-year average poverty rates ranged from 8.4 percent in New Hampshire to 22.7 percent in Washington, DC. Readers should be aware that although the data presented in Table B indicate that Washington, DC, had the highest poverty rate, it was not statistically different from the rate for New Mexico, though higher than the rates for the other states. Figure 2 displays the 90-percent confidence intervals for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the United States total to show the uncertainty of each estimate, but the list should not be regarded as a ranking. The poverty rate in New Hampshire, though seemingly the lowest, was not statistically different from the rates in 19 other states.

Based on comparisons of 2-year moving averages (1997-98 versus 1996-97, the statistic the Census Bureau recommends using to evaluate changes in state poverty

⁶In this report, "suburbs" refers to places within metropolitan areas but outside central cities.

rates over time), two states—New Mexico and Virginia—had statistically significant drops in their poverty rates, while one state—North Dakota—showed an increase.

Ratio of Income to Poverty Threshold

In 1998, both the number of "severely poor" and the number of "near poor" decreased significantly. The number of "severely poor," or people with family income below one-half their poverty threshold, decreased to 13.9 million in 1998, from 14.6 million in 1997 (see Table C). The "severely poor" represented 40 percent of the poor population in 1998, statistically unchanged from 1997. The number of "near poor" (people with family incomes at or above their threshold but less than 125 percent of their threshold) decreased to 11.6 million in 1998, down from 12.3 million in 1997.⁷

Income Deficit

The income deficit for families in poverty (the difference in dollars between a family's income and its poverty threshold) averaged \$6,620 in 1998, not significantly different from the 1997 figure of \$6,705 (in 1998 dollars). (See Table D.) The per capita income deficit⁸ was \$1,875 in 1998, also not different from the 1997 figure of \$1,873 (in 1998 dollars).

The average income deficit for poor families with a female householder, no husband present (\$6,971) was greater than that for poor married-couple families (\$6,229). The per capita deficit was \$2,069 in 1998 for poor families with a female householder, no husband present, significantly greater than the \$1,633 for poor married-couple families.⁹ Per capita income deficit may be computed by dividing the average deficit by the average number of people per family. Because families with a female householder, no husband present, were smaller than married-couple families, the greater per capita deficit for female householder families reflects their smaller family size as well as their lower income.

For unrelated individuals, the average income deficit was \$4,120 in 1998—\$3,823 for female unrelated individuals, which was significantly lower than the \$4,549 average deficit for male unrelated individuals. Because there were more female than male unrelated individuals aged 65 and over, and because householders aged 65 and over had lower poverty thresholds, the lower average deficit for females reflects differences in age, not just income.

⁷The decline for the "severely poor" was not significantly different from the decline for the "near poor."

⁸Previous reports called this same measure "Income deficit per family member." The measure is the same: aggregate income deficit for a group divided by the number of people in that group.

⁹The average deficit and deficit per capita had statistically similar differences between married-couple families and female-householder families.

Table B. Percent of People in Poverty by State: 1996, 1997, and 1998

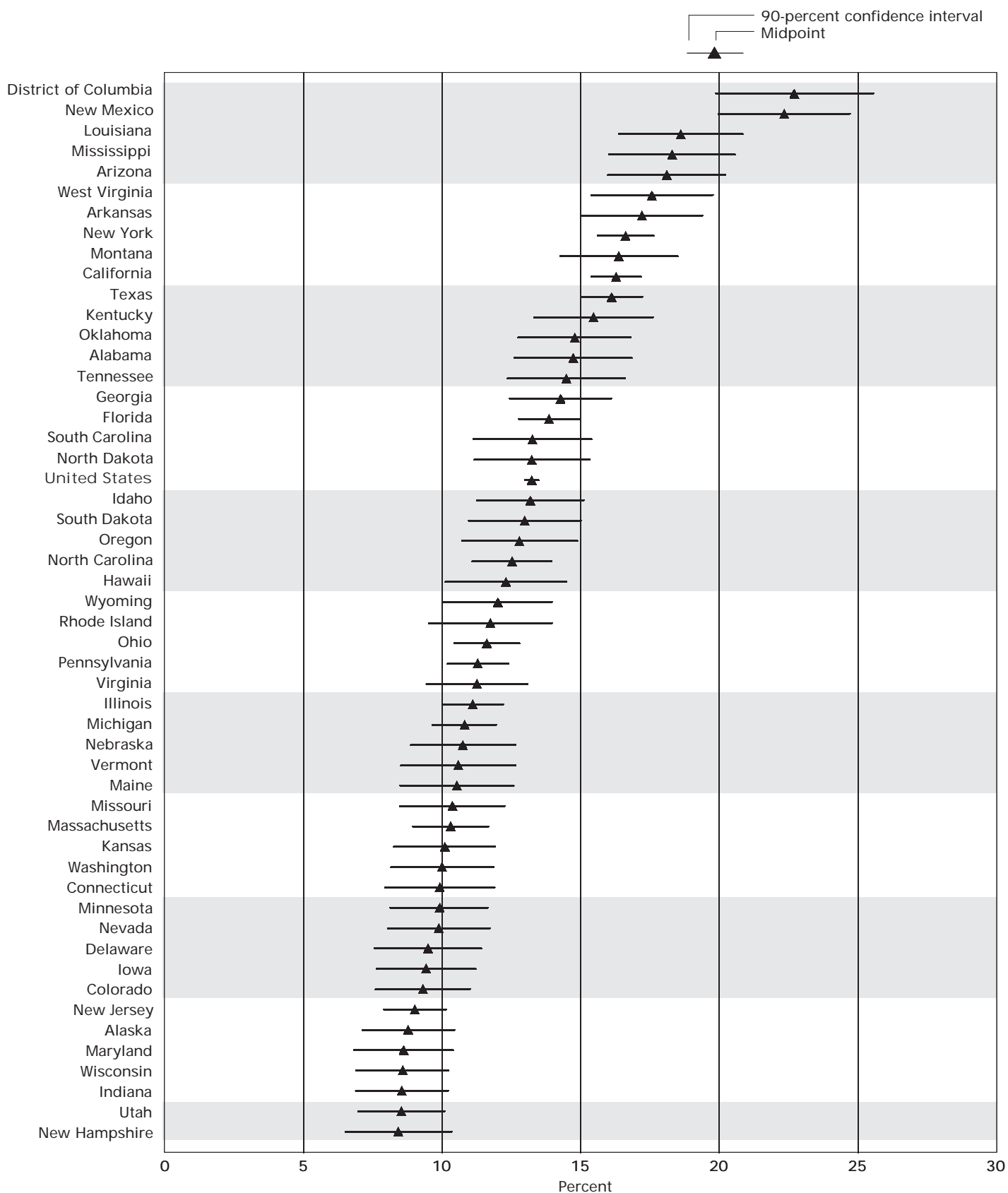
State	3-year average 1996-98		Average 1997-98		Average 1996-97		Difference in 2-year moving averages	
	Percent	Standard error	Percent	Standard error	Percent	Standard error	Poverty rate	Standard error
United States	13.2	0.15	13.0	0.18	13.5	0.18	* -0.5	0.15
Alabama	14.7	1.29	15.1	1.52	14.8	1.50	0.3	1.23
Alaska	8.8	1.02	9.1	1.21	8.5	1.16	0.6	0.98
Arizona	18.1	1.29	16.9	1.47	18.8	1.54	-1.9	1.25
Arkansas	17.2	1.34	17.2	1.56	18.4	1.60	-1.2	1.26
California	16.3	0.55	16.0	0.63	16.8	0.64	-0.8	0.53
Colorado	9.3	1.05	8.7	1.18	9.4	1.24	-0.7	1.05
Connecticut	9.9	1.21	9.0	1.37	10.1	1.43	-1.1	1.22
Delaware	9.5	1.18	10.0	1.39	9.1	1.36	0.9	1.13
District of Columbia	22.7	1.73	22.0	2.01	23.0	2.01	-0.9	1.68
Florida	13.9	0.67	13.7	0.77	14.3	0.79	-0.5	0.64
Georgia	14.3	1.12	14.0	1.29	14.7	1.33	-0.6	1.09
Hawaii	12.3	1.33	12.4	1.55	13.0	1.59	-0.6	1.25
Idaho	13.2	1.18	13.8	1.38	13.3	1.38	0.6	1.11
Illinois	11.1	0.67	10.6	0.77	11.6	0.81	-1.0	0.65
Indiana	8.6	1.02	9.1	1.21	8.2	1.16	0.9	0.98
Iowa	9.4	1.09	9.3	1.26	9.6	1.27	-0.3	1.04
Kansas	10.1	1.12	9.6	1.28	10.4	1.33	-0.8	1.10
Kentucky	15.5	1.31	14.7	1.49	16.4	1.56	-1.7	1.26
Louisiana	18.6	1.36	17.7	1.56	18.4	1.59	-0.7	1.35
Maine	10.6	1.25	10.2	1.44	10.7	1.48	-0.4	1.22
Maryland	8.6	1.09	7.8	1.21	9.3	1.31	-1.6	1.06
Massachusetts	10.3	0.83	10.4	0.97	11.2	1.00	-0.7	0.76
Michigan	10.8	0.71	10.6	0.82	10.7	0.83	-0.1	0.70
Minnesota	9.9	1.07	10.0	1.25	9.7	1.25	0.3	1.05
Mississippi	18.3	1.38	17.1	1.58	18.6	1.62	-1.5	1.36
Missouri	10.4	1.16	10.8	1.36	10.6	1.36	0.2	1.08
Montana	16.4	1.29	16.1	1.50	16.3	1.51	-0.2	1.26
Nebraska	10.8	1.15	11.1	1.36	10.0	1.31	1.1	1.13
Nevada	9.9	1.12	10.8	1.34	9.6	1.30	1.2	1.05
New Hampshire	8.4	1.17	9.4	1.42	7.7	1.32	1.7	1.11
New Jersey	9.0	0.68	8.9	0.79	9.2	0.81	-0.3	0.66
New Mexico	22.4	1.44	20.8	1.65	23.4	1.71	* -2.6	1.41
New York	16.6	0.61	16.6	0.71	16.6	0.71	-	0.59
North Carolina	12.5	0.88	12.7	1.03	11.8	1.00	0.9	0.87
North Dakota	13.2	1.26	14.4	1.52	12.3	1.43	* 2.1	1.21
Ohio	11.6	0.72	11.1	0.82	11.8	0.84	-0.7	0.70
Oklahoma	14.8	1.24	13.9	1.42	15.2	1.46	-1.3	1.22
Oregon	12.8	1.26	13.3	1.50	11.7	1.43	1.6	1.25
Pennsylvania	11.3	0.67	11.2	0.78	11.4	0.78	-0.2	0.65
Rhode Island	11.8	1.35	12.2	1.59	11.9	1.58	0.3	1.28
South Carolina	13.3	1.30	13.4	1.52	13.1	1.52	0.3	1.27
South Dakota	13.0	1.23	13.7	1.45	14.1	1.48	-0.5	1.12
Tennessee	14.5	1.29	13.9	1.47	15.1	1.53	-1.2	1.25
Texas	16.1	0.68	15.9	0.78	16.7	0.81	-0.8	0.65
Utah	8.5	0.95	8.9	1.12	8.3	1.09	0.7	0.91
Vermont	10.6	1.26	9.6	1.41	10.9	1.50	-1.4	1.26
Virginia	11.3	1.11	10.8	1.26	12.5	1.36	* -1.7	1.05
Washington	10.0	1.13	9.1	1.26	10.5	1.35	-1.5	1.12
West Virginia	17.6	1.34	17.1	1.54	17.5	1.56	-0.3	1.31
Wisconsin	8.6	1.02	8.5	1.19	8.5	1.18	-	1.00
Wyoming	12.0	1.21	12.1	1.40	12.7	1.43	-0.6	1.13

- Represents zero.

* Statistically significant at the 90-percent confidence level.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1999, 1998, and 1997 Current Population Surveys.

Figure 2.
Three-Year Average Poverty Rates, by State: 1996, 1997, and 1998



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1997, 1998, and 1999 Current Population Surveys

Table C. Ratio of Family Income to Poverty Threshold for People by Selected Characteristics: 1998
[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Total	Under 0.50		Under 1.00		Under 1.25	
		Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total	Number	Percent of total
PEOPLE							
Total	271,059	13,914	5.1	34,476	12.7	46,036	17.0
Age							
Under 18 years	71,338	5,774	8.1	13,467	18.9	17,135	24.0
18 to 24 years	25,967	2,006	7.7	4,312	16.6	5,654	21.8
25 to 34 years	38,474	1,990	5.2	4,582	11.9	6,103	15.9
35 to 44 years	44,744	1,575	3.5	4,082	9.1	5,470	12.2
45 to 54 years	35,232	999	2.8	2,444	6.9	3,283	9.3
55 to 59 years	12,601	498	4.0	1,165	9.2	1,521	12.1
60 to 64 years	10,308	322	3.1	1,039	10.1	1,422	13.8
65 years and over	32,394	750	2.3	3,386	10.5	5,447	16.8
Race ¹ and Hispanic Origin ²							
White	222,837	9,012	4.0	23,454	10.5	31,916	14.3
White, not Hispanic	192,754	6,182	3.2	15,799	8.2	21,930	11.4
Black	34,877	3,901	11.2	9,091	26.1	11,662	33.4
Other races	13,345	1,000	7.5	1,931	14.5	2,458	18.4
Asian and Pacific Islander	10,873	748	6.9	1,360	12.5	1,748	16.1
Hispanic origin, ² all races	31,515	3,079	9.8	8,070	25.6	10,484	33.3
FAMILY STATUS							
In families.	227,229	9,892	4.4	25,370	11.2	34,022	15.0
Householder	71,551	2,873	4.0	7,186	10.0	9,714	13.6
Related children under 18	70,253	5,355	7.6	12,845	18.3	16,447	23.4
Related children under 6.	23,160	2,172	9.4	4,775	20.6	6,043	26.1
Unrelated individual	42,539	3,640	8.6	8,478	19.9	11,293	26.5
Male	20,394	1,668	8.2	3,465	17.0	4,504	22.1
Female	22,145	1,972	8.9	5,013	22.6	6,789	30.7

¹Data for American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts are not shown separately. Data for this population group should not be tabulated from the CPS because of its small sample size.

²People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1999 Current Population Survey.

In 1998, 338,000 poor families had incomes less than \$500 below their poverty thresholds, and a similar number of families (319,000) had incomes within \$500 above their respective poverty thresholds. Therefore, slight modifications to raise or lower the poverty thresholds would likely have similar effects on the overall poverty rate, in opposite directions.

EXPERIMENTAL MEASURES OF POVERTY

The official definition of poverty used in this report was based on research by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration in 1963 and 1964¹⁰ and was revised in

¹⁰For a detailed discussion of the original SSA poverty thresholds, see Mollie Orshansky, *Counting the Poor: Another Look at the Poverty Profile*, Social Security Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 1, January 1965, pp. 3-29 (reprinted in Social Security Bulletin, vol. 51, no. 10, October 1988, pp. 25-51); and *Who's Who Among the Poor: A Demographic View of Poverty*, Social Security Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 7, July 1965, pp. 3-32.

1969 and 1981 by federal interagency committees. In 1983, the Census Bureau began monitoring how poverty rates would change if income were redefined to include different kinds of noncash benefits and to exclude various taxes. That data series, for 1979 data and later, is available on the Census Bureau's poverty website at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html>. Those data, however, will no longer be included in this report.

In 1992, a panel of the Committee on National Statistics of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) began evaluating alternative definitions of poverty. Their report, containing recommendations for a new measure of poverty, was released in the spring of 1995.¹¹

Several important issues concerning the adequacy of the official poverty measure were raised by the NAS panel.

¹¹Citro, Constance F. and Robert T. Michael. *Measuring Poverty: A New Approach*. Washington, DC, National Academy Press, 1995.

Table D. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1998

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Total	Size of deficit or surplus										Average deficit	Deficit per capita
		Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more		
Deficit for Those Below Poverty													
All families	7,186	338	360	744	559	590	541	577	480	468	2,528	6,620	1,875
Married-couple families. . . .	2,879	169	196	366	243	219	195	200	180	197	914	6,229	1,633
Families with female householders, no husband present	3,831	147	141	321	269	322	300	354	269	252	1,457	6,971	2,069
Unrelated individual	8,478	747	702	1,412	1,262	691	488	437	362	599	1,778	4,120	4,120
Male	3,465	256	221	506	477	330	216	143	149	259	909	4,549	4,549
Female	5,013	491	482	907	785	360	272	294	213	340	869	3,823	3,823
Surplus for Those Above Poverty													
All families	64,365	319	382	791	764	818	847	827	899	912	57,806	51,625	16,461
Married-couple families. . . .	51,900	149	170	375	434	461	487	545	570	619	48,091	57,208	17,880
Families with female householder, no husband present	8,965	155	189	357	292	286	295	214	262	239	6,674	25,318	8,699
Unrelated individual	34,061	510	687	1,558	1,322	1,210	1,206	1,089	1,221	938	24,320	24,053	24,053
Male	16,929	151	287	559	398	435	485	416	566	396	13,235	28,492	28,492
Female	17,132	358	400	999	925	775	721	673	655	542	11,084	19,666	19,666

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, March 1999 Current Population Survey.

These issues fell mainly into two categories: issues concerning the measurement of income or available resources, and issues regarding the poverty thresholds or measures of need.

The Census Bureau issued a report in July 1999 which presented a series of experimental measures and examined how the panel's proposals, as well as a number of alternative proposals, would affect poverty rates. That report, *Experimental Poverty Measures: 1990 to 1997*,¹² (P60-205) and other working papers related to poverty measurement are posted on the Census Bureau's poverty measurement Internet site at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/povmeas.html>. Estimates of 1998 poverty using the 12 experimental measures presented in that report will be available on the website in the fall of 1999.

The definition of poverty that is used can change one's perception of who is poor. In addition, using an alternative approach to adjust the poverty thresholds over time would have a noticeable impact on the number and percent of people considered to be poor, but not on the pattern of poverty over time. The official estimates presented above are based on poverty thresholds updated over time for changes in prices based on the official Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers, the CPI-U. An alternative price

index, CPI-U-X1, was developed in 1983 to improve the treatment of home ownership costs. The methodology was called the rental equivalence approach, and was calculated retrospectively to 1967. The cumulative effect of using the CPI-U-X1 for years prior to 1983 would result in poverty thresholds that are approximately 8 percent lower than the official thresholds based on the CPI-U.

Poverty estimates based on the CPI-U-X1 and the CPI-U have shown the same general patterns over time. The 1998 poverty rate based on the CPI-U-X1 was 11.3 percent compared with 12.7 percent based on the CPI-U. Poverty measures using alternative price indexes will be available for 1979 to 1998 on the Census Bureau's poverty home page at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html> in the fall of 1999.

NOTES AND USERS' COMMENTS

The information shown in this report was collected in the 50 states and the District of Columbia and does not include residents of Puerto Rico. The Current Population Survey (CPS), from which these data were taken, samples approximately 50,000 households nationwide. The estimates in this report are controlled to national population estimates by age, race, sex, and Hispanic origin. The population controls used in the preparation of the estimates are based on results of the 1990 census carried forward to 1998.

Because the CPS is primarily a household survey, homeless people and people not living in shelters are excluded

¹²Short, Kathleen, Thesia Garner, David Johnson, and Patricia Doyle, *Experimental Poverty Measures: 1990 to 1997*. U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, Consumer Income, P60-205, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 1999.

from these poverty statistics. The CPS also excludes armed forces personnel living on military bases and people living in institutions.

Model-based state and county poverty estimates for income year 1995 are available on the Internet at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe.html>. The Census Bureau calculated these model-based estimates by combining results from the Current Population Survey (CPS), food stamp records, tax records, and the 1990 decennial census. Poverty estimates are also available for related children 5 to 17 years old by school district on that website. The model-based state estimates have less uncertainty than those directly estimated from the CPS; the model-based estimates are also the only intercensal source of county and school district poverty estimates from the Census Bureau. State estimates for income year 1996 will be released in the fall of 1999; state, county, and school district estimates for 1997 will be released in the fall of 2000.

We are interested in your reaction to the usefulness of the information provided in this report, and we welcome your recommendations for improving our products. More detailed tables not published in this report, as well as the CPS microdata, are available on the Internet through FERRET. FERRET may be accessed either through the main Census Bureau home page <http://www.census.gov> by clicking on "Access Tools," or by clicking the FERRET link on the poverty website, <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html>. Historical time-series tables are available on the poverty website as well. If you have suggestions or comments, please complete the questionnaire at the end of this report or write to:

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Table 1. Poverty Thresholds by Size of Family and Number of Related Children: 1998

[Numbers in thousands. Families and children as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	One person			Two people			Three people	Four people	Five people	Six people	Seven people	Eight people	Nine or more people
	Total	Under 65	65 and over	Total	Householder under 65	Householder 65 and over							
TOTAL													
Number	42 539	31 975	10 564	31 102	21 637	9 465	16 227	14 390	6 573	2 135	691	268	166
Poverty threshold (dollars)	8 316	8 480	7 818	10 634	10 972	9 862	13 003	16 660	19 680	22 228	25 257	28 166	33 339
Families in poverty	8 478	6 328	2 150	2 505	1 973	532	1 592	1 417	945	428	167	73	59
People in poverty	8 478	6 328	2 150	5 116	4 001	1 115	4 813	5 724	4 778	2 550	1 199	592	598
NUMBER OF RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18													
None:													
Number	42 539	31 975	10 564	27 168	17 770	9 398	5 234	1 533	280	53	12	—	4
Poverty threshold (dollars)	8 316	8 480	7 818	10 548	10 915	9 853	12 750	16 813	20 275	23 320	26 833	30 010	36 100
Families in poverty	8 478	6 328	2 150	1 358	858	501	163	32	4	—	—	—	—
People in poverty	8 478	6 328	2 150	2 824	1 777	1 048	533	145	27	—	—	—	—
One:													
Number	—	—	—	3 934	3 867	67	8 318	2 473	636	125	33	7	—
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	11 234	11 235	11 193	13 120	17 088	20 570	23 413	27 000	30 275	36 275
Families in poverty	—	—	—	1 146	1 116	31	508	160	26	15	2	—	—
People in poverty	—	—	—	2 292	2 224	68	1 563	685	146	94	21	—	—
Two:													
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 675	9 304	1 361	361	84	23	2
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	—	—	—	13 133	16 530	19 940	22 930	26 423	29 730	35 793
Families in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	921	584	114	26	5	—	—
People in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 717	2 349	607	157	37	—	—
Three:													
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 080	3 916	432	115	48	10
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16 588	19 453	22 468	26 020	29 253	35 388
Families in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	640	501	60	22	10	2
People in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 545	2 509	370	164	87	17
Four:													
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	381	1 060	184	60	27
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19 155	21 780	25 270	28 575	34 723
Families in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	300	236	33	11	7
People in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 489	1 400	226	88	67
Five:													
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104	220	56	23
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21 373	24 395	27 715	33 808
Families in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	91	72	23	3
People in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	528	505	184	33
Six:													
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	58	26
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23 435	26 820	32 980
Families in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	15	13
People in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	246	132	134
Seven:													
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	49
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26 593	32 775
Families in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	18
People in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102	176
Eight or more:													
Number	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Poverty threshold (dollars)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31 513
Families in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
People in poverty	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	171

Table 3. Work Experience During Year by Selected Characteristics and Poverty Status in 1998 of People 16 Years Old and Over

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year			
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round						
	Below poverty level			Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		
	Total	Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total	
ALL PEOPLE													
Both Sexes													
Total	145 566	9 133	6.3	95 772	2 804	2.9	49 794	6 330	12.7	62 211	13 122	21.1	
16 to 17 years	3 395	254	7.5	78	7	9.3	3 317	246	7.4	4 661	993	21.3	
18 to 64 years	137 003	8 709	6.4	94 075	2 755	2.9	42 929	5 953	13.9	30 323	8 914	29.4	
18 to 24 years	20 495	2 430	11.9	7 673	432	5.6	12 823	1 997	15.6	5 472	1 883	34.4	
25 to 34 years	33 339	2 686	8.1	24 016	798	3.3	9 323	1 888	20.3	5 135	1 895	36.9	
35 to 54 years	68 273	3 050	4.5	52 076	1 320	2.5	16 197	1 730	10.7	11 703	3 476	29.7	
55 to 64 years	14 896	543	3.6	10 310	205	2.0	4 586	337	7.4	8 013	1 660	20.7	
65 years and over	5 168	171	3.3	1 619	41	2.5	3 548	130	3.7	27 227	3 215	11.8	
Male													
Total	76 918	4 000	5.2	56 953	1 642	2.9	19 965	2 357	11.8	23 117	4 626	20.0	
16 to 17 years	1 688	106	6.3	55	7	(B)	1 633	99	6.1	2 493	530	21.3	
18 to 64 years	72 319	3 806	5.3	55 858	1 607	2.9	16 461	2 198	13.4	9 807	3 189	32.5	
18 to 24 years	10 590	992	9.4	4 514	241	5.3	6 076	751	12.4	2 347	760	32.4	
25 to 34 years	17 686	1 141	6.4	14 353	488	3.4	3 334	653	19.6	1 237	577	46.6	
35 to 54 years	35 983	1 402	3.9	30 800	760	2.5	5 183	642	12.4	3 317	1 223	36.9	
55 to 64 years	8 060	270	3.4	6 192	118	1.9	1 868	153	8.2	2 907	629	21.6	
65 years and over	2 910	88	3.0	1 039	28	2.7	1 871	60	3.2	10 817	907	8.4	
Female													
Total	68 648	5 134	7.5	38 819	1 161	3.0	29 829	3 972	13.3	39 093	8 496	21.7	
16 to 17 years	1 707	147	8.6	23	—	(B)	1 684	147	8.8	2 168	463	21.3	
18 to 64 years	64 684	4 903	7.6	38 217	1 148	3.0	26 468	3 755	14.2	20 516	5 726	27.9	
18 to 24 years	9 905	1 437	14.5	3 159	191	6.1	6 746	1 246	18.5	3 126	1 123	35.9	
25 to 34 years	15 653	1 546	9.9	9 663	310	3.2	5 989	1 236	20.6	3 898	1 319	33.8	
35 to 54 years	32 290	1 648	5.1	21 277	559	2.6	11 013	1 088	9.9	8 386	2 253	26.9	
55 to 64 years	6 836	272	4.0	4 118	88	2.1	2 718	185	6.8	5 106	1 031	20.2	
65 years and over	2 257	83	3.7	580	13	2.2	1 677	70	4.2	16 410	2 308	14.1	
Household Relationship													
People 16 to 64 years old	140 398	8 962	6.4	94 152	2 763	2.9	46 246	6 200	13.4	34 984	9 907	28.3	
In families	113 036	6 018	5.3	74 336	2 096	2.8	38 699	3 922	10.1	29 815	6 301	21.1	
Householder	51 777	3 853	7.4	39 689	1 426	3.6	12 088	2 427	20.1	8 257	2 594	31.4	
In families with related children under 18 years	64 632	5 148	8.0	41 143	1 826	4.4	23 489	3 322	14.1	17 415	4 625	26.6	
Householder	32 036	3 479	10.9	24 196	1 280	5.3	7 841	2 199	28.0	4 496	1 977	44.0	
In families with related children under 6 years	26 844	2 996	11.2	17 691	1 045	5.9	9 153	1 952	21.3	6 990	2 217	31.7	
Householder	14 335	2 072	14.5	10 375	714	6.9	3 959	1 358	34.3	2 289	1 052	45.9	
In married-couple families	91 175	2 884	3.2	61 157	1 259	2.1	30 017	1 625	5.4	22 126	3 003	13.6	
Husband	41 363	1 644	4.0	35 468	977	2.8	5 895	667	11.3	3 433	736	21.4	
Wife	34 889	898	2.6	20 572	218	1.1	14 317	680	4.7	12 177	1 610	13.2	
Related children¹	13 546	276	2.0	4 296	43	1.0	9 250	233	2.5	5 900	544	9.2	
Other	1 377	66	4.8	822	21	2.5	555	46	8.2	617	113	18.3	
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	51 855	2 349	4.5	33 924	1 082	3.2	17 930	1 268	7.1	12 683	2 062	16.3	
Husband	24 768	1 394	5.6	21 666	858	4.0	3 102	536	17.3	1 103	376	34.1	
Wife	19 323	687	3.6	10 451	170	1.6	8 871	517	5.8	6 688	1 104	16.5	
Related children¹	6 860	218	3.2	1 287	36	2.8	5 572	182	3.3	4 412	490	11.1	
Other	904	50	5.5	519	17	3.4	385	32	8.4	479	91	18.9	
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	21 880	1 474	6.7	14 999	684	4.6	6 881	789	11.5	5 276	1 045	19.8	
Husband	11 717	924	7.9	10 199	559	5.5	1 517	364	24.0	411	159	38.7	
Wife	8 366	418	5.0	4 064	102	2.5	4 302	316	7.3	3 798	667	17.6	
Related children¹	1 245	101	8.1	389	14	3.7	855	87	10.2	729	152	20.9	
Other	553	31	5.6	347	9	2.7	207	22	10.5	338	67	19.9	
In families with female householder, no spouse present	16 041	2 760	17.2	9 068	699	7.7	6 973	2 061	29.6	6 037	2 884	47.8	
Householder	9 002	2 179	24.2	5 741	595	10.4	3 262	1 583	48.5	2 193	1 436	65.5	
Other	7 038	581	8.3	3 327	104	3.1	3 711	478	12.9	3 844	1 448	37.7	
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	10 112	2 489	24.6	5 415	631	11.7	4 697	1 857	39.5	3 961	2 344	59.2	
Householder	6 948	2 080	29.9	4 201	559	13.3	2 747	1 521	55.4	1 666	1 277	76.7	
Related children¹	2 284	302	13.2	666	37	5.5	1 618	265	16.4	1 902	882	46.4	
Other	880	107	12.1	548	35	6.5	332	72	21.5	393	185	47.1	
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	3 980	1 337	33.6	2 030	290	14.3	1 949	1 047	53.7	1 561	1 114	71.4	
Householder	2 865	1 165	40.7	1 476	260	17.6	1 389	905	65.1	830	696	83.8	
Related children¹	647	104	16.1	263	13	4.9	384	91	23.7	523	322	61.6	
Other	468	68	14.5	291	17	5.7	176	51	28.8	208	96	46.4	
In unrelated subfamilies	474	170	35.9	269	34	12.8	205	136	66.3	136	106	78.3	
Unrelated individuals	26 889	2 774	10.3	19 547	632	3.2	7 342	2 142	29.2	5 034	3 500	69.5	
Male	15 364	1 425	9.3	11 604	404	3.5	3 760	1 020	27.1	2 322	1 573	67.8	
Householder	10 453	781	7.5	8 042	204	2.5	2 411	576	23.9	1 553	932	60.0	
Female	11 525	1 350	11.7	7 943	228	2.9	3 582	1 122	31.3	2 711	1 927	71.1	
Householder	8 421	678	8.1	6 102	136	2.2	2 319	542	23.4	1 914	1 205	62.9	

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Work Experience During Year by Selected Characteristics and Poverty Status in 1998 of People 16 Years Old and Over—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year		
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round					
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
WHITE												
Both Sexes												
Total	122 220	6 727	5.5	80 418	2 126	2.6	41 802	4 601	11.0	50 921	9 090	17.9
16 to 17 years	2 908	198	6.8	72	7	(B)	2 836	190	6.7	3 413	609	17.8
18 to 64 years	114 629	6 400	5.6	78 925	2 086	2.6	35 704	4 314	12.1	23 432	6 056	25.8
18 to 24 years	16 946	1 806	10.7	6 508	370	5.7	10 438	1 437	13.8	3 795	1 217	32.1
25 to 34 years	27 035	1 879	6.9	19 705	601	3.0	7 330	1 278	17.4	3 862	1 292	33.5
35 to 54 years	57 553	2 295	4.0	43 661	946	2.2	13 891	1 349	9.7	9 146	2 365	25.9
55 to 64 years	13 095	419	3.2	9 051	170	1.9	4 044	250	6.2	6 630	1 182	17.8
65 years and over	4 683	130	2.8	1 422	32	2.3	3 262	97	3.0	24 076	2 426	10.1
Male												
Total	65 658	3 170	4.8	48 911	1 392	2.8	16 747	1 778	10.6	18 513	3 105	16.8
16 to 17 years	1 460	79	5.4	55	7	(B)	1 405	72	5.1	1 798	318	17.7
18 to 64 years	61 531	3 021	4.9	47 933	1 360	2.8	13 599	1 662	12.2	7 143	2 131	29.8
18 to 24 years	8 915	782	8.8	3 896	213	5.5	5 018	569	11.3	1 596	483	30.3
25 to 34 years	14 624	898	6.1	12 035	414	3.4	2 590	484	18.7	797	355	44.5
35 to 54 years	30 832	1 130	3.7	26 497	627	2.4	4 336	503	11.6	2 388	846	35.4
55 to 64 years	7 160	211	3.0	5 505	105	1.9	1 655	106	6.4	2 362	447	18.9
65 years and over	2 667	70	2.6	924	25	2.7	1 743	45	2.6	9 572	657	6.9
Female												
Total	56 562	3 557	6.3	31 507	734	2.3	25 055	2 823	11.3	32 408	5 985	18.5
16 to 17 years	1 448	118	8.2	17	—	(B)	1 431	118	8.3	1 615	291	18.0
18 to 64 years	53 097	3 378	6.4	30 992	726	2.3	22 105	2 652	12.0	16 289	3 925	24.1
18 to 24 years	8 031	1 024	12.7	2 611	156	6.0	5 420	868	16.0	2 199	734	33.4
25 to 34 years	12 411	981	7.9	7 670	187	2.4	4 741	794	16.7	3 064	937	30.6
35 to 54 years	26 720	1 165	4.4	17 165	319	1.9	9 555	846	8.9	6 758	1 519	22.5
55 to 64 years	5 935	208	3.5	3 546	64	1.8	2 389	144	6.0	4 267	735	17.2
65 years and over	2 017	60	3.0	498	8	1.5	1 519	53	3.5	14 504	1 769	12.2
Household Relationship												
People 16 to 64 years old	117 537	6 597	5.6	78 997	2 093	2.6	38 540	4 504	11.7	26 845	6 665	24.8
In families	94 691	4 251	4.5	62 348	1 535	2.5	32 344	2 715	8.4	23 029	4 078	17.7
Householder	43 348	2 643	6.1	33 536	1 016	3.0	9 812	1 627	16.6	6 487	1 669	25.7
In families with related children under 18 years	53 187	3 598	6.8	33 992	1 334	3.9	19 196	2 264	11.8	13 125	2 979	22.7
Householder	26 171	2 340	8.9	20 099	896	4.5	6 072	1 444	23.8	3 349	1 239	37.0
In families with related children under 6 years	21 832	2 141	9.8	14 568	796	5.5	7 264	1 345	18.5	5 364	1 444	26.9
Householder	11 572	1 400	12.1	8 599	512	6.0	2 973	888	29.8	1 725	664	38.5
In married-couple families	79 404	2 450	3.1	52 976	1 069	2.0	26 428	1 381	5.2	18 574	2 414	13.0
Husband	36 413	1 406	3.9	31 261	848	2.7	5 152	558	10.8	2 875	579	20.2
Wife	30 448	760	2.5	17 531	163	0.9	12 917	596	4.6	10 717	1 323	12.3
Related children ¹	11 522	230	2.0	3 563	37	1.0	7 959	193	2.4	4 579	420	9.2
Other	1 020	55	5.3	621	21	3.4	400	34	8.4	402	92	22.7
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	44 545	1 964	4.4	28 976	903	3.1	15 569	1 061	6.8	10 435	1 645	15.8
Husband	21 545	1 168	5.4	18 950	733	3.9	2 595	435	16.8	831	284	34.2
Wife	16 533	569	3.4	8 588	123	1.4	7 946	446	5.6	5 865	912	15.6
Related children ¹	5 797	183	3.2	1 037	30	2.9	4 760	153	3.2	3 440	375	10.9
Other	669	44	6.6	401	17	4.4	269	26	9.9	299	73	24.5
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	18 698	1 263	6.8	12 753	584	4.6	5 945	679	11.4	4 438	848	19.1
Husband	10 171	793	7.8	8 886	483	5.4	1 285	311	24.2	306	111	36.2
Wife	7 137	354	5.0	3 313	77	2.3	3 825	277	7.2	3 376	564	16.7
Related children ¹	974	87	8.9	296	14	4.9	678	72	10.7	536	116	21.7
Other	416	29	7.1	258	9	3.6	158	20	12.8	220	57	25.7
In families with female householder, no spouse present	10 773	1 559	14.5	6 148	366	6.0	4 626	1 193	25.8	3 308	1 420	42.9
Householder	6 093	1 263	20.7	3 976	315	7.9	2 118	947	44.7	1 256	754	60.1
Other	4 680	297	6.3	2 172	51	2.3	2 508	246	9.8	2 053	665	32.4
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	6 567	1 427	21.7	3 570	342	9.6	2 997	1 084	36.2	2 133	1 189	55.7
Householder	4 592	1 203	26.2	2 842	297	10.4	1 749	907	63.8	937	682	73.1
Related children ¹	1 439	157	10.9	383	20	5.2	1 056	137	12.9	973	399	41.0
Other	536	67	12.4	344	26	7.4	192	41	21.4	227	108	47.4
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	2 373	742	31.3	1 279	155	12.1	1 095	587	53.7	819	563	68.8
Householder	1 732	647	37.3	928	138	14.8	804	509	63.3	460	376	81.8
Related children ¹	348	56	16.1	167	7	4.3	181	49	27.0	232	125	53.8
Other	293	39	13.3	184	10	5.3	109	29	26.6	127	62	49.0
In unrelated subfamilies	410	143	35.0	226	29	12.7	184	115	62.5	116	87	75.3
Unrelated individuals	22 436	2 203	9.8	16 423	529	3.2	6 013	1 674	27.8	3 700	2 500	67.6
Male	12 939	1 155	8.9	9 822	349	3.6	3 117	806	25.9	1 687	1 091	64.7
Householder	8 797	626	7.1	6 802	169	2.5	1 995	457	22.9	1 109	604	54.4
Female	9 497	1 048	11.0	6 601	180	2.7	2 896	868	30.0	2 013	1 409	70.0
Householder	6 895	513	7.4	5 047	104	2.1	1 849	409	22.1	1 376	829	60.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3. Work Experience During Year by Selected Characteristics and Poverty Status in 1998 of People 16 Years Old and Over—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year		
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round					
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total		Number	Percent of total
BLACK												
Both Sexes												
Total	16 535	1 957	11.8	10 856	546	5.0	5 679	1 411	24.8	8 294	3 346	40.3
16 to 17 years	334	30	8.9	5	—	(B)	328	30	9.1	935	333	35.6
18 to 64 years	15 853	1 894	11.9	10 735	543	5.1	5 118	1 351	26.4	4 984	2 328	46.7
18 to 24 years	2 568	507	19.7	848	52	6.1	1 719	455	26.4	1 260	536	42.5
25 to 34 years	4 488	663	14.8	3 071	169	5.5	1 417	494	34.8	768	450	58.6
35 to 54 years	7 569	612	8.1	5 977	291	4.9	1 592	321	20.2	1 899	937	49.3
55 to 64 years	1 228	112	9.1	839	30	3.6	390	82	21.0	1 057	405	38.3
65 years and over	348	33	9.5	115	4	3.1	233	30	12.7	2 375	685	28.8
Male												
Total	7 656	608	7.9	5 397	155	2.9	2 259	453	20.0	3 512	1 250	35.6
16 to 17 years	168	16	9.8	—	—	(B)	168	16	9.8	512	181	35.4
18 to 64 years	7 326	577	7.9	5 338	155	2.9	1 989	423	21.2	2 083	861	41.3
18 to 24 years	1 170	162	13.8	436	21	4.7	734	141	19.3	580	225	38.8
25 to 34 years	2 066	177	8.6	1 559	51	3.3	508	126	24.8	298	160	53.5
35 to 54 years	3 539	190	5.4	2 940	76	2.6	599	114	19.0	769	324	42.1
55 to 64 years	552	49	8.9	403	7	1.8	148	42	28.0	436	153	35.0
65 years and over	162	14	8.4	59	—	(B)	103	14	13.3	917	208	22.7
Female												
Total	8 879	1 349	15.2	5 459	391	7.2	3 420	958	28.0	4 781	2 095	43.8
16 to 17 years	166	13	8.1	5	—	(B)	161	13	8.3	423	152	35.8
18 to 64 years	8 527	1 317	15.4	5 398	388	7.2	3 129	929	29.7	2 901	1 467	50.6
18 to 24 years	1 398	345	24.7	412	32	7.6	986	313	31.8	680	311	45.8
25 to 34 years	2 422	486	20.1	1 512	118	7.8	909	368	40.4	470	291	61.8
35 to 54 years	4 030	422	10.5	3 038	215	7.1	993	207	20.9	1 129	613	54.3
55 to 64 years	676	63	9.4	435	23	5.3	241	40	16.7	621	252	40.6
65 years and over	187	19	10.4	56	4	(B)	131	16	12.2	1 458	477	32.7
Household Relationship												
People 16 to 64 years old	16 187	1 924	11.9	10 741	543	5.1	5 446	1 381	25.4	5 919	2 661	45.0
In families	12 841	1 446	11.3	8 349	452	5.4	4 492	994	22.1	4 832	1 821	37.7
Householder	6 089	1 028	16.9	4 399	341	7.7	1 690	688	40.7	1 395	764	54.8
In families with related children under 18 years	8 128	1 261	15.5	5 040	396	7.8	3 088	865	28.0	3 063	1 352	44.1
Householder	4 325	969	22.4	2 966	321	10.8	1 369	648	47.7	940	624	65.9
In families with related children under 6 years	3 577	709	19.8	2 172	202	9.3	1 405	508	36.1	1 121	642	57.3
Householder	2 000	564	28.2	1 228	166	13.5	772	399	51.7	456	336	73.7
In married-couple families	7 280	261	3.6	5 107	108	2.1	2 173	153	7.0	2 010	350	17.4
Husband	3 080	138	4.5	2 601	63	2.4	478	76	15.8	390	90	23.2
Wife	2 777	93	3.4	1 953	43	2.2	824	50	6.1	729	154	21.1
Related children ¹	1 255	22	1.8	454	3	0.6	801	19	2.4	816	89	10.9
Other	168	8	4.6	98	—	(B)	71	8	(B)	76	17	22.1
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	4 517	228	5.0	3 084	102	3.3	1 432	126	8.8	1 233	239	19.4
Husband	1 978	131	6.6	1 653	62	3.8	325	69	21.2	191	47	24.4
Wife	1 734	80	4.6	1 203	37	3.1	531	43	8.1	377	98	26.1
Related children ¹	689	15	2.2	165	3	1.5	524	13	2.4	608	81	13.4
Other	117	2	1.4	64	—	(B)	53	2	(B)	56	13	(B)
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	1 955	132	6.7	1 384	61	4.4	571	70	12.3	386	99	25.5
Husband	914	77	8.4	761	39	5.2	154	38	24.6	66	21	(B)
Wife	765	45	5.9	504	22	4.4	261	23	8.7	165	47	28.5
Related children ¹	205	8	4.0	69	—	(B)	136	8	6.0	130	24	18.6
Other	70	2	(B)	50	—	(B)	20	2	(B)	25	6	(B)
In families with female householder, no spouse present	4 646	1 090	23.5	2 585	316	12.2	2 061	774	37.5	2 451	1 337	54.6
Householder	2 613	847	32.4	1 610	267	16.6	1 003	580	57.9	829	613	74.0
Other	2 033	243	11.9	975	49	5.0	1 058	193	18.3	1 622	724	44.6
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	3 171	960	30.3	1 671	273	16.3	1 500	687	45.8	1 668	1 052	63.0
Householder	2 140	808	37.7	1 250	250	20.0	890	558	62.7	664	536	80.7
Related children ¹	737	119	16.2	254	17	6.6	483	102	21.2	855	442	51.7
Other	294	33	11.3	167	6	3.7	126	27	21.4	150	74	49.5
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	1 461	545	37.3	694	131	18.9	768	413	53.9	699	520	74.4
Householder	1 040	478	45.9	514	121	23.6	525	356	67.8	342	296	86.4
Related children ¹	267	44	16.3	84	6	6.8	183	38	20.7	279	192	68.9
Other	154	23	15.2	95	4	4.5	59	19	(B)	78	33	41.7
In unrelated subfamilies	50	23	(B)	32	6	(B)	17	17	(B)	12	11	(B)
Unrelated individuals	3 296	455	13.8	2 359	85	3.6	936	370	39.5	1 075	828	77.1
Male	1 788	223	12.5	1 327	43	3.2	461	180	39.0	511	396	77.5
Householder	1 225	137	11.2	920	28	3.0	305	110	35.9	361	273	75.6
Female	1 508	232	15.4	1 033	42	4.0	475	190	40.1	564	433	76.7
Householder	1 194	131	11.0	848	26	3.1	346	105	30.3	456	333	72.9

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Table 3. Work Experience During Year by Selected Characteristics and Poverty Status in 1998 of People 16 Years Old and Over—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic	Worked during year									Did not work during year		
	All workers			Worked full-time, year-round			Not full-time, year-round					
	Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level			Below poverty level		
	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total	Total	Number	Percent of total			
HISPANIC ORIGIN²												
Both Sexes												
Total	14 643	2 030	13.9	9 626	810	8.4	5 017	1 220	24.3	6 812	2 569	37.7
16 to 17 years	266	60	22.5	12	1	(B)	254	59	23.3	826	306	37.0
18 to 64 years	14 158	1 960	13.8	9 523	807	8.5	4 635	1 152	24.9	4 510	1 917	42.5
18 to 24 years	2 810	503	17.9	1 290	161	12.5	1 521	341	22.5	1 128	507	45.0
25 to 34 years	4 412	681	15.4	3 145	285	9.1	1 267	396	31.2	1 119	544	48.6
35 to 54 years	5 972	709	11.9	4 407	332	7.5	1 566	377	24.1	1 521	647	42.5
55 to 64 years	962	67	7.0	681	29	4.3	282	38	13.5	742	219	29.5
65 years and over	220	10	4.6	92	2	1.7	128	9	6.7	1 476	346	23.4
Male												
Total	8 418	1 119	13.3	6 147	573	9.3	2 272	546	24.1	2 219	815	36.7
16 to 17 years	131	23	18.0	9	1	(B)	121	23	19.0	438	173	39.5
18 to 64 years	8 141	1 093	13.4	6 059	572	9.4	2 082	521	25.0	1 182	528	44.7
18 to 24 years	1 629	277	17.0	865	114	13.1	764	163	21.4	411	180	43.7
25 to 34 years	2 642	390	14.8	2 098	218	10.4	544	172	31.6	191	110	57.9
35 to 54 years	3 327	392	11.8	2 672	220	8.2	655	172	26.2	367	174	47.5
55 to 64 years	542	34	6.3	425	20	4.7	118	14	11.9	213	64	29.9
65 years and over	147	3	1.7	78	—	—	69	3	(B)	598	113	19.0
Female												
Total	6 225	911	14.6	3 480	237	6.8	2 745	674	24.5	4 593	1 754	38.2
16 to 17 years	135	36	26.8	3	—	(B)	133	36	27.3	387	133	34.2
18 to 64 years	6 017	867	14.4	3 463	235	6.8	2 553	631	24.7	3 328	1 389	41.7
18 to 24 years	1 181	226	19.1	425	48	11.2	756	178	23.6	717	327	45.7
25 to 34 years	1 770	291	16.4	1 047	67	6.4	723	224	31.0	928	433	46.7
35 to 54 years	2 646	317	12.0	1 735	112	6.4	911	205	22.5	1 154	473	41.0
55 to 64 years	420	33	7.9	256	9	3.6	164	24	14.6	530	155	29.4
65 years and over	73	8	(B)	14	2	(B)	59	6	(B)	877	233	26.5
Household Relationship												
People 16 to 64 years old	14 424	2 019	14.0	9 535	808	8.5	4 889	1 211	24.8	5 336	2 223	41.7
In families	12 108	1 565	12.9	7 929	668	8.4	4 179	897	21.5	4 736	1 718	36.3
Householder	5 554	981	17.7	4 045	445	11.0	1 509	535	35.5	1 127	573	50.9
In families with related children under 18 years	8 469	1 451	17.1	5 430	638	11.8	3 039	813	26.7	3 563	1 493	41.9
Householder	4 152	920	22.2	2 967	430	14.5	1 185	490	41.4	831	504	60.6
In families with related children under 6 years	4 440	915	20.6	2 897	404	14.0	1 543	511	33.1	1 810	837	46.2
Householder	2 273	593	26.1	1 593	275	17.2	680	318	46.8	505	316	62.4
In married-couple families	8 955	912	10.2	6 022	458	7.6	2 932	455	15.5	3 295	931	28.2
Husband	4 205	585	13.9	3 453	369	10.7	752	216	28.7	305	122	40.1
Wife	2 899	201	6.9	1 694	54	3.2	1 205	148	12.3	1 835	529	28.8
Related children ¹	1 349	91	6.7	554	21	3.8	795	70	8.8	922	212	23.0
Other	501	35	7.1	321	14	4.4	181	21	11.8	233	67	28.9
In married-couple families with related children under 18 years	6 461	864	13.4	4 283	446	10.4	2 178	418	19.2	2 508	812	32.4
Husband	3 206	552	17.2	2 625	359	13.7	581	192	33.1	1 173	91	52.5
Wife	2 069	188	9.1	1 155	54	4.6	914	134	14.7	1 344	459	34.2
Related children ¹	802	89	11.1	267	19	7.3	535	70	13.1	797	204	25.7
Other	384	35	9.2	236	14	6.0	148	21	14.4	195	57	29.4
In married-couple families with related children under 6 years	3 458	579	16.8	2 335	297	12.7	1 124	282	25.1	1 306	475	36.4
Husband	1 877	394	21.0	1 522	252	16.6	355	142	40.0	71	40	(B)
Wife	1 075	116	10.8	560	29	5.2	515	87	16.9	868	317	36.5
Related children ¹	263	46	17.6	98	10	10.4	165	36	21.9	225	74	32.7
Other	243	23	9.3	154	6	3.7	89	17	19.0	142	45	31.5
In families with female householder, no spouse present	2 133	540	25.3	1 189	155	13.1	944	385	40.7	1 135	694	61.1
Householder	1 185	408	34.4	695	120	17.3	491	288	58.7	438	327	74.7
Other	947	132	13.9	494	35	7.1	454	97	21.3	697	367	52.6
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 18 years	1 534	497	32.4	816	148	18.1	718	350	48.7	898	624	69.5
Householder	947	391	41.2	525	117	22.4	422	273	64.7	370	304	82.2
Related children ¹	362	73	20.1	141	12	8.7	221	61	27.4	409	251	61.4
Other	225	34	15.1	150	18	11.9	75	16	(B)	119	69	57.6
In families with female householder, no spouse present, with related children under 6 years	735	268	36.5	389	72	18.5	346	196	56.7	452	339	75.1
Householder	451	222	49.2	230	59	25.7	221	163	73.5	224	195	86.8
Related children ¹	147	26	17.6	69	2	(B)	79	24	30.8	155	106	68.2
Other	137	21	15.1	91	11	12.4	46	9	(B)	72	39	(B)
In unrelated subfamilies	76	32	42.6	45	8	(B)	31	25	(B)	45	35	(B)
Unrelated individuals												
Male	2 239	422	18.8	1 561	132	8.5	679	290	42.7	555	470	84.7
Householder	1 515	284	18.8	1 102	106	9.6	413	178	43.2	236	191	80.8
Female	716	90	12.5	532	23	4.3	184	67	36.2	123	94	76.6
Householder	724	138	19.0	459	26	5.7	266	111	41.9	319	279	87.5
Householder	436	62	14.2	285	11	3.8	150	51	34.0	151	122	80.5

¹Includes related children 16 and 17 years of age and own children 18 years and over.

²Hispanics may be of any race.

Table 4. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1998

[Numbers in thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic		Size of deficit or surplus										Mean deficit or surplus		Median deficit or surplus		Deficit or surplus per capita	
		Total	Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more	Value	Stand-ard error	Value	Stand-ard error	Value
ALL RACES																	
Below Poverty																	
All families	7 186	338	360	744	559	590	541	577	480	468	2 528	6 620	90	5 798	115	1 875	39
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 558	102	134	194	143	169	140	133	76	84	382	5 043	145	4 260	221	2 225	107
One or more	5 628	235	226	550	416	422	401	444	404	384	2 146	7 056	105	6 296	145	1 818	41
One	1 858	115	66	214	184	166	158	196	153	152	454	5 456	135	5 132	177	2 111	88
Two or more	3 770	121	160	336	232	256	243	248	251	232	1 692	7 845	138	7 166	206	1 736	46
Married-couple families	2 879	169	196	366	243	219	195	200	180	197	914	6 229	146	5 258	210	1 633	54
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 057	72	106	148	102	82	76	72	52	60	287	5 072	182	4 243	332	2 359	142
One or more	1 822	96	90	218	141	137	119	128	128	137	628	6 900	201	5 853	261	1 443	59
One	459	48	23	61	55	31	27	31	36	41	107	5 233	309	4 444	605	1 556	132
Two or more	1 363	49	67	158	86	105	92	97	92	96	521	7 462	244	6 292	313	1 419	65
Families with female householder, no spouse present	3 831	147	141	321	269	322	300	354	269	252	1 457	6 971	120	6 230	180	2 069	57
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	375	26	21	37	32	70	40	53	18	21	57	4 724	257	4 041	306	1 853	171
One or more	3 456	121	121	284	237	251	260	301	251	231	1 399	7 215	128	6 612	184	2 086	59
One	1 237	59	38	140	102	111	122	155	107	100	302	5 510	153	5 296	178	2 376	121
Two or more	2 219	61	83	144	135	140	138	146	143	131	1 097	8 165	172	7 908	267	1 995	67
All unrelated subfamilies	247	8	9	26	8	8	27	8	13	19	122	7 441	435	7 910	682	2 932	320
Unrelated individuals	8 478	747	702	1 412	1 262	691	488	437	362	599	1 778	4 120	51	3 167	104	4 120	115
Male	3 465	256	221	506	477	330	216	143	149	259	909	4 549	81	3 828	140	4 549	199
Female	5 013	491	482	907	785	360	272	294	213	340	869	3 823	65	2 799	71	3 823	142
Above Poverty																	
All families	64 365	319	382	791	764	818	847	827	899	912	57 806	51 625	412	37 368	251	16 461	206
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	32 725	127	110	332	318	357	402	399	394	456	29 829	53 827	610	38 643	346	22 748	337
One or more	31 640	192	271	459	446	461	445	427	505	456	27 977	49 348	551	35 996	366	12 549	187
One	13 668	89	127	197	170	207	191	176	220	193	12 099	48 780	802	36 332	539	15 462	317
Two or more	17 972	103	144	262	277	254	254	252	285	263	15 877	49 780	755	35 725	498	11 004	207
Married-couple families	51 900	149	170	375	434	461	487	545	570	619	48 091	57 208	488	42 388	310	17 880	227
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	27 495	87	65	211	231	246	282	317	298	386	25 373	57 295	694	41 584	453	24 547	385
One or more	24 404	62	104	164	203	215	205	228	272	232	22 718	57 111	681	43 184	423	13 680	216
One	9 617	22	27	57	68	54	72	76	95	80	9 067	59 550	1 066	46 465	629	17 422	395
Two or more	14 787	40	78	108	135	160	133	152	177	153	13 651	55 525	884	40 978	544	11 897	235
Families with female householder, no spouse present	8 965	155	189	357	292	286	295	214	262	239	6 674	25 318	603	17 816	374	8 699	244
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	3 486	32	35	103	75	87	100	57	72	53	2 872	31 869	1 304	23 965	883	12 563	599
One or more	5 479	123	154	254	218	199	195	157	190	187	3 803	21 150	516	14 989	389	6 717	205
One	2 983	63	90	115	87	121	92	80	90	94	2 151	21 198	599	15 859	555	8 292	321
Two or more	2 496	59	63	139	131	78	103	77	101	93	1 651	21 093	879	13 954	603	5 469	266
All unrelated subfamilies	275	3	14	11	2	14	7	7	15	8	194	17 841	1 628	13 131	1 508	7 437	952
Unrelated individuals	34 061	510	687	1 558	1 322	1 210	1 206	1 089	1 221	938	24 320	24 053	302	16 442	171	24 053	414
Male	16 929	151	287	559	398	435	485	416	566	396	13 235	28 492	506	19 903	281	28 492	703
Female	17 132	358	400	999	925	775	721	673	655	542	11 084	19 666	323	13 210	258	19 666	466
WHITE																	
Below Poverty																	
All families	4 829	264	261	499	421	383	375	396	335	307	1 588	6 389	108	5 533	138	1 841	47
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 163	82	98	159	124	108	103	89	56	64	281	4 922	166	4 108	255	2 257	128
One or more	3 665	183	163	340	298	274	272	307	279	242	1 307	6 855	130	5 987	162	1 767	50
One	1 250	94	48	131	139	112	99	135	92	89	311	5 434	170	5 016	240	2 100	108
Two or more	2 415	88	114	210	159	163	173	172	187	153	996	7 590	173	6 688	206	1 668	56
Married-couple families	2 400	150	160	296	214	185	163	183	159	150	739	6 129	158	5 173	212	1 637	60
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	897	62	79	127	93	76	64	66	38	45	246	5 060	197	4 173	352	2 359	154
One or more	1 503	88	80	168	122	109	100	117	121	105	492	6 767	220	5 722	259	1 440	65
One	400	43	21	53	41	29	24	28	36	31	94	5 273	336	4 523	634	1 597	146
Two or more	1 102	45	59	115	81	79	76	89	85	74	399	7 309	270	6 082	300	1 404	72
Families with female householder, no spouse present	2 123	97	87	166	173	168	179	206	155	143	751	6 718	157	5 940	194	2 093	78
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	198	19	12	22	23	25	25	23	15	16	17	4 183	311	3 864	443	1 818	238
One or more	1 926	77	75	143	150	143	154	183	140	128	734	6 979	167	6 274	246	2 113	81
One	747	43	24	71	76	70	67	101	51	54	190	5 535	204	5 215	212	2 489	168
Two or more	1 179	34	50	72	74	72	87	82	89	74	544	7 894	231	7 389	364	1 980	92
All unrelated subfamilies	203	5	9	26	8	5	21	8	13	16	93	7 108	459	7 469	782	2 796	337
Unrelated individuals	6 386	584	534	1 077	929	508	379	318	284	431	1 341	4 100	59	3 135	123	4 100	133
Male	2 564	193	171	386	332	243	179	105	124	185	648	4 501	93	3 830	164	4 501	230
Female	3 821	391	364	691	598	266	200	213	161	246	693	3 832	75	2 778	81	3 832	164

Table 4. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1998—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

Characteristic		Size of deficit or surplus										Mean deficit or surplus		Median deficit or surplus		Deficit or surplus per capita	
		Total	Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more	Value	Stand-ard error	Value	Stand-ard error	Value
WHITE—Con.																	
Above Poverty																	
All families	55 248	217	280	538	596	649	652	678	681	730	50 227	53 515	462	38 621	263	17 366	221
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	28 929	100	87	247	268	289	339	329	335	392	26 542	55 176	675	39 252	363	23 705	372
One or more	26 319	117	193	292	327	359	313	348	346	338	23 686	51 690	625	37 929	380	13 219	209
One	11 233	61	85	131	133	164	137	144	149	136	10 092	50 863	918	37 830	572	16 234	363
Two or more	15 086	56	108	161	194	195	176	204	197	202	13 594	52 306	850	38 006	509	11 652	233
Married-couple families	46 062	121	145	305	385	404	403	470	459	534	42 835	58 169	532	42 798	333	18 476	242
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	24 931	67	55	169	214	217	254	271	264	343	23 076	58 097	753	41 701	489	25 155	416
One or more	21 131	53	90	136	171	186	150	199	195	191	19 760	58 255	748	43 900	452	14 078	234
One	8 239	18	22	48	64	48	62	64	67	63	7 785	60 370	1 180	46 945	672	17 813	438
Two or more	12 892	36	68	88	107	138	88	136	128	128	11 974	56 903	965	41 961	559	12 325	257
Families with female householder, no spouse present	6 405	83	118	190	178	199	205	156	170	160	4 944	27 102	793	19 305	450	9 837	336
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	2 640	26	22	65	44	59	71	42	53	41	2 216	33 464	1 661	25 598	1 014	13 872	796
One or more	3 765	58	96	125	134	140	135	114	117	119	2 728	22 642	659	16 145	482	7 559	277
One	2 156	40	59	66	58	93	61	63	53	58	1 604	22 375	734	16 758	633	9 152	417
Two or more	1 609	17	37	60	76	47	74	50	64	61	1 124	23 000	1 186	15 313	765	6 162	372
All unrelated subfamilies	239	3	12	11	2	14	7	5	15	3	167	18 687	1 835	13 758	1 843	7 898	1 089
Unrelated individuals	29 177	418	544	1 326	1 161	1 002	1 019	923	1 025	806	20 954	24 636	341	16 677	189	24 636	465
Male	14 390	130	208	464	327	362	388	353	438	333	11 387	29 486	578	20 376	260	29 486	800
Female	14 787	288	336	862	833	640	631	571	587	473	9 567	19 916	361	13 254	278	19 916	516
BLACK																	
Below Poverty																	
All families	1 981	62	85	218	123	186	143	159	119	128	757	6 940	173	6 113	271	1 924	73
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	308	20	27	29	15	54	34	39	11	15	65	4 982	312	4 289	383	1 918	198
One or more	1 673	42	58	189	108	132	109	120	108	113	692	7 301	193	6 712	296	1 925	78
One	522	14	17	77	44	47	54	52	58	45	115	5 283	218	5 151	343	2 074	157
Two or more	1 151	28	42	112	64	85	56	68	51	68	577	8 216	252	8 026	356	1 885	89
Married-couple families	290	11	26	51	24	26	26	7	7	24	88	6 012	487	4 274	514	1 445	156
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	101	9	19	18	6	3	10	3	4	10	19	4 266	579	2 772	1 240	1 905	389
One or more	189	2	7	33	18	22	16	4	3	14	69	6 948	656	4 739	1 305	1 338	170
One	32	2	2	4	13	2	3	—	—	—	5	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Two or more	157	—	5	29	5	20	13	4	3	14	63	7 563	740	6 656	1 446	1 399	188
Families with female householder, no spouse present	1 557	45	50	150	88	147	108	137	106	101	625	7 227	193	6 508	291	2 035	86
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	161	6	6	11	9	45	15	29	3	5	32	5 209	412	4 236	513	1 811	243
One or more	1 397	38	44	139	79	103	93	108	103	96	594	7 460	208	6 917	291	2 056	91
One	446	12	13	66	26	38	50	48	56	42	96	5 333	227	5 378	347	2 166	177
Two or more	951	26	32	73	53	65	43	61	48	54	498	8 456	272	8 319	346	2 025	103
All unrelated subfamilies	35	3	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	3	24	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	1 752	153	139	305	290	151	94	101	64	119	336	3 977	110	2 964	148	3 977	251
Male	748	57	46	109	128	68	29	30	21	48	213	4 503	177	3 506	316	4 503	432
Female	1 005	96	93	196	162	84	66	72	43	71	123	3 586	137	2 725	153	3 586	303
Above Poverty																	
All families	6 470	94	79	231	145	145	155	122	174	140	5 186	33 842	657	24 323	629	9 990	255
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	2 652	24	14	74	42	62	47	56	44	46	2 243	37 882	1 101	29 110	1 083	14 324	575
One or more	3 818	69	66	156	103	83	108	66	129	94	2 943	31 035	802	21 214	973	7 951	262
One	1 756	27	34	60	31	33	48	23	56	42	1 403	32 376	1 143	24 120	1 335	10 212	485
Two or more	2 062	42	32	96	73	51	59	43	74	52	1 541	29 893	1 119	19 510	958	6 602	304
Married-couple families	3 689	24	16	58	38	42	52	61	78	63	3 255	43 070	919	35 924	1 153	12 275	371
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 680	17	3	35	15	23	17	36	23	33	1 480	42 769	1 337	37 154	1 769	17 045	806
One or more	2 009	6	13	23	24	20	36	25	56	31	1 775	43 322	1 263	34 951	1 400	9 972	398
One	832	4	5	9	4	4	5	9	21	12	761	48 087	1 903	42 576	1 547	13 270	786
Two or more	1 177	2	9	15	20	16	30	17	35	19	1 014	39 952	1 668	29 369	1 309	8 231	447
Families with female householder, no spouse present	2 255	68	63	159	105	80	81	49	87	65	1 498	19 768	695	13 887	617	5 988	268
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	712	7	11	33	25	28	24	15	18	9	542	26 505	1 522	20 277	1 704	8 933	686
One or more	1 543	61	52	126	80	52	57	34	69	56	956	16 660	699	11 810	741	4 821	257
One	744	23	29	46	27	23	31	12	32	27	494	17 455	915	12 356	1 088	6 170	450
Two or more	799	38	23	80	53	29	26	22	37	29	462	15 919	1 045	10 872	1 338	3 941	311
All unrelated subfamilies	26	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	19	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	3 638	82	119	189	128	153	156	129	156	103	2 425	19 399	586	14 329	608	19 399	957
Male	1 884	21	71	79	58	46	79	52	103	46	1 330	21 642	919	16 123	639	21 642	1 500
Female	1 754	61	48	110	69	107	77	77	53	57	1 095	16 988	698	12 185	733	16 988	1 191

Table 4. Income Deficit or Surplus of Families and Unrelated Individuals by Poverty Status: 1998—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year. For meaning of symbols, see text]

		Size of deficit or surplus										Mean deficit or surplus		Median deficit or surplus		Deficit or surplus per capita	
Characteristic	Total	Under \$500	\$500 to \$999	\$1,000 to \$1,999	\$2,000 to \$2,999	\$3,000 to \$3,999	\$4,000 to \$4,999	\$5,000 to \$5,999	\$6,000 to \$6,999	\$7,000 to \$7,999	\$8,000 or more	Value	Stand-ard error	Value	Stand-ard error	Value	Stand-ard error
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹																	
Below Poverty																	
All families	1 648	66	87	162	133	120	141	111	125	107	597	6 865	195	6 039	268	1 669	69
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	194	7	16	32	24	9	26	12	13	9	45	4 982	413	4 334	499	2 205	304
One or more	1 454	58	70	130	109	112	115	99	112	98	552	7 116	211	6 306	268	1 632	71
One	392	27	23	33	44	35	28	37	33	40	91	5 406	307	5 137	460	1 910	172
Two or more	1 062	31	47	97	65	76	86	62	78	58	461	7 747	260	6 848	356	1 573	78
Married-couple families	775	49	50	103	75	53	74	51	46	52	224	5 929	276	4 797	317	1 298	82
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	119	6	10	23	18	2	13	5	7	5	31	4 911	556	4 088	1 024	2 272	415
One or more	656	43	40	80	57	51	61	46	39	47	193	6 113	309	4 943	374	1 222	83
One	147	19	13	20	17	8	6	18	7	14	27	4 391	489	3 635	1 147	1 310	202
Two or more	509	24	27	60	40	42	55	28	32	33	166	6 612	365	5 191	519	1 206	91
Families with female householder, no spouse present	756	15	32	45	48	52	61	57	60	50	335	7 856	287	7 148	408	2 112	124
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	49	2	3	5	5	3	11	5	5	2	7	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
One or more	707	14	29	39	43	49	50	52	55	47	329	8 064	299	7 477	439	2 118	127
One	216	7	8	13	22	24	20	20	21	25	56	6 016	403	5 683	571	2 422	291
Two or more	491	6	20	26	21	25	30	32	34	23	273	8 965	375	8 877	551	2 042	140
All unrelated subfamilies	58	2	—	6	1	2	—	1	3	1	40	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	1 097	101	75	186	119	91	54	56	28	70	318	4 503	149	3 752	299	4 503	357
Male	527	51	29	85	57	72	22	29	9	38	136	4 396	209	3 577	249	4 396	504
Female	570	50	46	101	62	19	32	28	20	32	182	4 602	213	4 251	706	4 602	508
Above Poverty																	
All families	5 625	59	73	132	140	170	149	157	137	162	4 445	33 161	1 122	21 393	587	8 844	336
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	2 001	18	15	47	41	40	49	46	35	59	1 651	38 324	2 170	24 709	1 310	14 463	939
One or more	3 624	41	58	85	99	130	100	111	102	104	2 794	30 310	1 257	19 609	763	6 956	322
One	1 439	19	22	42	31	50	37	37	35	39	1 127	31 183	1 527	21 278	1 296	9 131	545
Two or more	2 185	23	37	43	68	79	64	74	66	64	1 667	29 736	1 826	18 491	1 017	5 974	397
Married-couple families	4 170	42	47	79	93	110	95	100	93	119	3 392	36 425	1 377	24 068	841	9 315	397
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	1 428	15	13	29	26	32	28	28	27	44	1 185	41 984	2 639	26 821	1 571	16 094	1 181
One or more	2 742	27	34	50	67	78	67	71	67	75	2 207	33 530	1 573	22 876	969	7 308	383
One	977	9	8	23	20	14	25	23	20	22	812	35 618	1 856	25 819	1 841	9 722	642
Two or more	1 765	17	26	27	47	63	42	48	47	52	1 395	32 374	2 216	20 911	1 296	6 348	470
Families with female householder, no spouse present	973	17	21	40	38	46	44	37	39	35	656	22 249	2 282	14 674	941	6 686	741
Number of related children under 18:																	
None	325	2	2	12	10	5	17	11	8	11	247	28 977	6 206	18 100	2 062	11 026	2 518
One or more	648	15	20	28	28	41	26	27	32	24	409	18 880	1 394	12 940	1 093	5 134	457
One	323	10	12	15	9	28	8	10	13	14	203	20 199	2 191	13 919	1 476	7 052	937
Two or more	325	5	8	13	19	13	18	16	18	9	206	17 572	1 722	11 996	1 292	3 919	464
All unrelated subfamilies	37	1	4	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	27	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)	(B)
Unrelated individuals	2 120	41	76	164	112	119	97	84	124	77	1 227	19 285	1 412	10 691	613	19 285	1 727
Male	1 353	16	43	81	65	74	63	50	82	59	820	21 465	2 031	11 582	716	21 465	2 462
Female	768	25	33	83	46	45	35	34	42	18	407	15 445	1 525	9 001	941	15 445	2 025

¹Hispanics may be of any race.

Appendix A.

Definitions and Explanations

Family. The term “family” refers to a group of two or more people related by birth, marriage, or adoption who reside together; all such people are considered as members of one family. For example, if the son of the person who maintains the household and the son’s wife are members of the household, they are treated as members of the parent’s family. Every family must include a reference person (see definition of householder for primary families). Two or more people living in the same household who are related to one another, but are not related to the householder, form an “unrelated subfamily.” Beginning with the 1980 Current Population Survey (CPS), unrelated subfamilies were excluded from the count of families and unrelated subfamily members were excluded from the count of family members.

Family households. Family households are households maintained by a family (as defined above). Members of family households include any unrelated people (unrelated subfamily members and/or secondary individuals) who may be residing there. The number of family households will not equal the number of families since families living in group quarters are included in the count of families. In addition, the count of family household members differs from the count of family members in that the family household members include all people living in the household; whereas, family members include only householders and their relatives. (See the definition of family.)

Householder. A householder is the person (or one of the people) in whose name the home is owned or rented. If the house is owned jointly by a married couple, either the husband or the wife may be listed first, thereby becoming the reference person, or householder, to whom the relationship of the other household members is recorded. One person in each household is designated as the “householder.” The number of householders, therefore, is equal to the number of households.

Households. Households consist of all people who occupy a housing unit. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters: the occupants do not live and eat with any other people in the structure and there is direct access from the outside or through a common hall.

A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated people, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated people sharing a housing unit as partners is also counted as a household. The count of households excludes group quarters.

Income. For each person in the CPS sample 15 years old and over, questions were asked on the amount of money income received in the preceding calendar year from each of the following sources:

1. Earnings from longest job (or self-employment)
2. Earnings from jobs other than longest job
3. Unemployment compensation
4. Workers’ compensation
5. Social security
6. Supplemental security income
7. Public assistance
8. Veterans’ payments
9. Survivor benefits
10. Disability benefits
11. Pension or retirement income
12. Interest
13. Dividends
14. Rents, royalties, and estates and trusts
15. Educational assistance
16. Alimony
17. Child support
18. Financial assistance from outside of the household, and other periodic income

Capital gains and lump-sum or one-time payments are excluded.

It should be noted that although the income statistics refer to receipts during the preceding calendar year, the demographic characteristics such as age, labor force status, and family or household composition are

as of the survey date. The income of the family/household does not include amounts received by people who were members during all or part of the income year if these people no longer resided in the family/household at the time of interview. However, income data are collected for people who are current residents but did not reside in the household during the income year.

Data on consumer income collected in the CPS by the U.S. Census Bureau cover money income received (exclusive of certain money receipts such as capital gains) before payments for personal income taxes, Social Security, union dues, medicare deductions, etc. Therefore, money income does not reflect the fact that some families receive noncash benefits such as food stamps, health benefits, rent-free housing and goods produced and consumed on the farm. In addition, money income does not reflect the fact that noncash benefits are also received by some nonfarm residents which often take the form of the use of business transportation and facilities, full or partial payments by business for retirement programs, medical and educational expenses, etc. These elements should be considered when comparing income levels. Moreover, readers should be aware that for many different reasons there is a tendency in household surveys for respondents to underreport their income. From an analysis of independently derived income estimates, it has been determined that income earned from wages or salaries is much better reported than other sources of income and is nearly equal to independent estimates of aggregate income.

Income deficit. Income deficit is the difference between the total income of families and unrelated individuals below the poverty level and their respective poverty thresholds. In computing the income deficit, families reporting a net income loss are assigned zero dollars, and for such cases, the deficit is equal to the poverty threshold. The income deficit is a measure of the degree of impoverishment of a family or unrelated individual.

Periods of Recession

Peak month	Year	Trough month	Year
November	1948	October	1949
July.....	1953	May.....	1954
August.....	1957	April	1958
April	1960	February	1961
December.....	1969	November	1970
November	1973	March.....	1975
January	1980	July.....	1980
July.....	1981	November	1982
July.....	1990	March.....	1991

Source: National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc., 1050 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Population coverage. This report includes the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States and members of the Armed Forces in the United States living off post or with their families on post, but excludes all other members of the Armed Forces. The poverty data also exclude unrelated individuals under 15 years of age.

The information on the Hispanic population shown in this report was collected in the 50 states and the District of Columbia and, therefore, does not include residents of outlying areas or U.S. territories such as Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Poverty definition. Poverty statistics presented in this report are based on a definition developed by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration (SSA) in 1963-1964¹ and revised in 1969 and 1981 by inter-agency committees. This definition was established as the official definition of poverty for statistical use in all Executive departments by the Bureau of the Budget (BoB) in 1969 (in Circular No. A-46); after BoB became Office of Management and Budget, this was reconfirmed in Statistical Policy Directive No. 14.

The original poverty definition provided a range of income cutoffs or thresholds adjusted by such factors as family size, sex of the family head, number of children under 18 years old, and farm-nonfarm residence. At the core of this definition of poverty was the economy food plan, the least costly of four nutritionally adequate food plans designed by the Department of Agriculture. It was determined from the Department of Agriculture's 1955 Household Food Consumption Survey that families of three or more people spent approximately one-third of their after-tax money income on food; accordingly, poverty thresholds for families of three or more people were set at three times the cost of the economy food plan. Different procedures were used to calculate poverty thresholds for two-person families and people living alone in order to compensate for the relatively larger fixed expenses of these smaller units. For two-person families, the cost of the economy food plan was multiplied by a factor of 3.7 (also derived from the 1955 survey). For unrelated individuals (one-person units), no multiplier was used; poverty thresholds were instead calculated as a fixed proportion of the corresponding thresholds for two-person units. Annual updates of these SSA poverty thresholds were based on price changes of the items in the economy food plan.

¹For a detailed discussion of the original SSA poverty thresholds, see Mollie Orshansky, *Counting the Poor: Another Look at the Poverty Profile*, Social Security Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 1, January 1965, pp. 3-29 (reprinted in Social Security Bulletin, vol. 51, no. 10, October 1988, pp. 25-51); and *Who's Who Among the Poor: A Demographic View of Poverty*, Social Security Bulletin, vol. 28, no. 7, July 1965, pp. 3-32.

As a result of deliberations of a federal interagency committee in 1969, the following two modifications to the original SSA definition of poverty were adopted:²

1. The SSA thresholds for nonfarm families were retained for the base year 1963, but annual adjustments in the levels were based on changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rather than on changes in the cost of foods in the economy food plan.
2. The farm thresholds were raised from 70 to 85 percent of the corresponding nonfarm levels. The combined impact of these two modifications resulted in an increase in the tabulated totals for 1967 of 360,000 poor families and 1.6 million poor people.

In 1981, three additional modifications in the poverty definition recommended by another interagency committee were adopted for implementation in the March 1982 CPS as well as the 1980 census:

1. Elimination of separate thresholds for farm families
2. Elimination (by averaging) of separate thresholds for female-householder families and "all other" families (earlier termed "male-headed" families)
3. Extension of the detailed poverty threshold matrix to make the largest family size category "nine persons or more"

For further details, see the section, "Changes in the Definition of Poverty," in Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 133.

The poverty thresholds are increased each year by the same percentage as the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI). Table A-1 shows the CPI and the corresponding thresholds for a family of four for the 1959-98 period. The poverty thresholds are currently adjusted using the annual average CPI-U (1982-84 = 100). This base year has been used since 1988. From 1980 through 1987, the thresholds were adjusted using the CPI-U (1967 = 100). The CPI (1963 = 100) was used to adjust thresholds prior to 1980. Table A-2 shows the full poverty threshold matrix for 1998.

For further information on how the poverty thresholds were developed and subsequent changes in them, see Gordon M. Fisher, "The Development and History of the Poverty Thresholds," Social Security Bulletin, vol. 55, no. 4, Winter 1992, pp. 3-14.

²Poverty thresholds for 1959-1967 were recalculated on this basis, and revised poverty population figures for those years were tabulated using the revised thresholds. These revised 1959-1967 poverty population figures have been published in Census Bureau reports issued since August 1969 (including the present report). Because of this revision, poverty statistics from documents dated before August 1969 are not comparable with current poverty statistics.

Table A-1. Average Poverty Threshold for a Family of Four and the Consumer Price Indexes (CPI-U and CPI-U-X1): 1947 Through 1998

(1982-84=100)

Year	Average threshold for a family of four people ¹ (dollars)	CPI-U	CPI-U-X1 ²
1998.....	16,660	163.0	163.0
1997.....	16,400	160.5	160.5
1996.....	16,036	156.9	156.9
1995.....	15,569	152.4	152.4
1994.....	15,141	148.2	148.2
1993.....	14,763	144.5	144.5
1992.....	14,335	140.3	140.3
1991.....	13,924	136.2	136.2
1990.....	13,359	130.7	130.7
1989.....	12,674	124.0	124.0
1988.....	12,092	118.3	118.3
1987.....	11,611	113.6	113.6
1986.....	11,203	109.6	109.6
1985.....	10,989	107.6	107.6
1984.....	10,609	103.9	103.9
1983.....	10,178	99.6	99.6
1982.....	9,862	96.5	96.5
1981.....	9,287	90.9	90.1
1980.....	8,414	82.4	82.3
1979.....	7,412	72.6	74.0
1978.....	6,662	65.2	67.5
1977.....	6,191	60.6	63.2
1976.....	5,815	56.9	59.4
1975.....	5,500	53.8	56.2
1974.....	5,038	49.3	51.9
1973.....	4,540	44.4	47.2
1972.....	4,275	41.8	44.4
1971.....	4,137	40.5	43.1
1970.....	3,968	38.8	41.3
1969.....	3,743	36.7	39.4
1968.....	3,553	34.8	37.7
1967.....	3,410	33.4	36.3
1966.....	3,317	32.4	35.2
1965.....	3,223	31.5	34.2
1964.....	3,169	31.0	33.7
1963.....	3,128	30.6	33.3
1962.....	3,089	30.2	32.8
1961.....	3,054	29.9	32.5
1960.....	3,022	29.6	32.2
1959.....	2,973	29.1	31.6
1958.....	(NA)	28.9	31.4
1957.....	(NA)	28.1	30.5
1956.....	(NA)	27.2	29.6
1955.....	(NA)	26.8	29.1
1954.....	(NA)	26.9	29.2
1953.....	(NA)	26.7	29.0
1952.....	(NA)	26.5	28.8
1951.....	(NA)	26.0	28.3
1950.....	(NA)	24.1	26.2
1949.....	(NA)	23.8	25.9
1948.....	(NA)	24.1	26.2
1947.....	(NA)	22.3	24.2

NA Not available.

¹For years prior to 1981, average threshold for a nonfarm family of four is shown.

²Factors prior to 1967 are extrapolated.

Table A-2. **Poverty Thresholds in 1998, by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years**

[Dollars]

Size of family unit	Weighted average thresholds	Related children under 18 years								
		None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight or more
One person (unrelated individual) ..	8,316									
Under 65 years	8,480	8,480								
65 years and over	7,818	7,818								
Two people	10,634									
Householder under 65 years	10,972	10,915	11,235							
Householder 65 years and over ..	9,862	9,853	11,193							
Three people	13,003	12,750	13,120	13,133						
Four people	16,660	16,813	17,088	16,530	16,588					
Five people	19,680	20,275	20,570	19,940	19,453	19,155				
Six people	22,228	23,320	23,413	22,930	22,468	21,780	21,373			
Seven people	25,257	26,833	27,000	26,423	26,020	25,270	24,395	23,435		
Eight people	28,166	30,010	30,275	29,730	29,253	28,575	27,715	26,820	26,593	
Nine people or more	33,339	36,100	36,275	35,793	35,388	34,723	33,808	32,980	32,775	31,513

Ratio of income to poverty threshold. Because the poverty definition does not meet all the needs of the analysts of the data, a few of the tables in the report present variations of the poverty level expressed as a ratio of income to the family's (or unrelated individual's) appropriate poverty threshold. Ratios below 1.00 are below the official definition while a ratio of 1.00 or greater indicates income above the poverty level. A ratio between 1.00 and 1.25 indicates, for example, that a family's income was above their poverty threshold but below 125 percent of their poverty threshold. If a family's poverty threshold was \$10,000, a ratio of 1.00 to 1.25 would mean their income was between \$10,000 and \$12,500.

Rounding. Percentages are rounded to the nearest tenth of a percent; therefore, the percentages in a distribution do not always add to exactly 100.0 percent.

Symbols. The following abbreviations and symbols are used in this publication:

- represents zero or rounds to zero.
- B The base for the derived figure is less than 75,000.
- NA Not available.
- r Revised.

Unrelated individuals. The term "unrelated individuals" refers to people 15 years and over (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual may either:

- Constitute a one-person household
- Be part of a household including one or more other families or unrelated individuals
- or
- Reside in group quarters, such as a rooming house

Thus, a widow living by herself or with one or more other people not related to her, a lodger not related to the householder or to anyone else in the household, and a servant living in an employer's household with no relatives are examples of unrelated individuals. The poverty status of unrelated individuals is determined independently of other household members' income.

Work experience. A person with work experience is one who, during the preceding calendar year, did any work for pay or profit or worked without pay on a family-operated farm or business at any time during the year, on a part-time or full-time basis. A year-round worker is one who worked for 50 weeks or more during the preceding calendar year. A person is classified as having worked full time if he or she worked 35 hours or more per week during a majority of the weeks worked. A year-round, full-time worker is a person who worked full time, 35 or more hours per week and 50 or more weeks during the previous calendar year.

Appendix B.

Time Series Estimates of Poverty

Included in this appendix are time series estimates of poverty. The time series data are shown for people by family relationship, age, type of family, and presence of related children. These data also are shown by race and Hispanic origin.

This report will no longer present time series poverty rates under 18 different definitions of income (which include different kinds of noncash benefits and exclude various taxes). That data series, for 1979 data and later, is available on the Census Bureau's poverty website at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html>.

Table B-1. Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Number	Percent	All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
					Number	Percent		Number	Percent			
ALL RACES												
1998.....	271,059	34,476	12.7	227,229	25,370	11.2	39,000	12,907	33.1	42,539	8,478	19.9
1997.....	268,480	35,574	13.3	225,369	26,217	11.6	38,412	13,494	35.1	41,672	8,687	20.8
1996.....	266,218	36,529	13.7	223,955	27,376	12.2	38,584	13,796	35.8	40,727	8,452	20.8
1995.....	263,733	36,425	13.8	222,792	27,501	12.3	38,908	14,205	36.5	39,484	8,247	20.9
1994.....	261,616	38,059	14.5	221,430	28,985	13.1	37,253	14,380	38.6	38,538	8,287	21.5
1993.....	259,278	39,265	15.1	219,489	29,927	13.6	37,861	14,636	38.7	38,038	8,388	22.1
1992 ^r	256,549	38,014	14.8	217,936	28,961	13.3	36,446	14,205	39.0	36,842	8,075	21.9
1991 ^r	251,192	35,708	14.2	212,723	27,143	12.8	34,795	13,824	39.7	36,845	7,773	21.1
1990.....	248,644	33,585	13.5	210,967	25,232	12.0	33,795	12,578	37.2	36,056	7,446	20.7
1989.....	245,992	31,528	12.8	209,515	24,066	11.5	32,525	11,668	35.9	35,185	6,760	19.2
1988 ^r	243,530	31,745	13.0	208,056	24,048	11.6	32,164	11,972	37.2	34,340	7,070	20.6
1987 ^r	240,982	32,221	13.4	206,877	24,725	12.0	31,893	12,148	38.1	32,992	6,857	20.8
1986.....	238,554	32,370	13.6	205,459	24,754	12.0	31,152	11,944	38.3	31,679	6,846	21.6
1985.....	236,594	33,064	14.0	203,963	25,729	12.6	30,878	11,600	37.6	31,351	6,725	21.5
1984.....	233,816	33,700	14.4	202,288	26,458	13.1	30,844	11,831	38.4	30,268	6,609	21.8
1983.....	231,700	35,303	15.2	201,338	27,933	13.9	30,049	12,072	40.2	29,158	6,740	23.1
1982.....	229,412	34,398	15.0	200,385	27,349	13.6	28,834	11,701	40.6	27,908	6,458	23.1
1981.....	227,157	31,822	14.0	198,541	24,850	12.5	28,587	11,051	38.7	27,714	6,490	23.4
1980.....	225,027	29,272	13.0	196,963	22,601	11.5	27,565	10,120	36.7	27,133	6,227	22.9
1979.....	222,903	26,072	11.7	195,860	19,964	10.2	26,927	9,400	34.9	26,170	5,743	21.9
1978.....	215,656	24,497	11.4	191,071	19,062	10.0	26,032	9,269	35.6	24,585	5,435	22.1
1977.....	213,867	24,720	11.6	190,757	19,505	10.2	25,404	9,205	36.2	23,110	5,216	22.6
1976.....	212,303	24,975	11.8	190,844	19,632	10.3	24,204	9,029	37.3	21,459	5,344	24.9
1975.....	210,864	25,877	12.3	190,630	20,789	10.9	23,580	8,846	37.5	20,234	5,088	25.1
1974.....	209,362	23,370	11.2	190,436	18,817	9.9	23,165	8,462	36.5	18,926	4,553	24.1
1973.....	207,621	22,973	11.1	189,361	18,299	9.7	21,823	8,178	37.5	18,260	4,674	25.6
1972.....	206,004	24,460	11.9	189,193	19,577	10.3	21,264	8,114	38.2	16,811	4,883	29.0
1971.....	204,554	25,559	12.5	188,242	20,405	10.8	20,153	7,797	38.7	16,311	5,154	31.6
1970.....	202,183	25,420	12.6	186,692	20,330	10.9	19,673	7,503	38.1	15,491	5,090	32.9
1969.....	199,517	24,147	12.1	184,891	19,175	10.4	17,995	6,879	38.2	14,626	4,972	34.0
1968.....	197,628	25,389	12.8	183,825	20,695	11.3	18,048	6,990	38.7	13,803	4,694	34.0
1967.....	195,672	27,769	14.2	182,558	22,771	12.5	17,788	6,898	38.8	13,114	4,998	38.1
1966.....	193,388	28,510	14.7	181,117	23,809	13.1	17,240	6,861	39.8	12,271	4,701	38.3
1965.....	191,413	33,185	17.3	179,281	28,358	15.8	16,371	7,524	46.0	12,132	4,827	39.8
1964.....	189,710	36,055	19.0	177,653	30,912	17.4	(NA)	7,297	44.4	12,057	5,143	42.7
1963.....	187,258	36,436	19.5	176,076	31,498	17.9	(NA)	7,646	47.7	11,182	4,938	44.2
1962.....	184,276	38,625	21.0	173,263	33,623	19.4	(NA)	7,781	50.3	11,013	5,002	45.4
1961.....	181,277	39,628	21.9	170,131	34,509	20.3	(NA)	7,252	48.1	11,146	5,119	45.9
1960.....	179,503	39,851	22.2	168,615	34,925	20.7	(NA)	7,247	48.9	10,888	4,926	45.2
1959.....	176,557	39,490	22.4	165,858	34,562	20.8	(NA)	7,014	49.4	10,699	4,928	46.1
WHITE												
1998.....	222,837	23,454	10.5	186,184	16,549	8.9	24,211	6,674	27.6	35,563	6,386	18.0
1997.....	221,200	24,396	11.0	185,147	17,258	9.3	23,773	7,296	30.7	34,858	6,593	18.9
1996.....	219,656	24,650	11.2	184,119	17,621	9.6	23,744	7,073	29.8	34,247	6,463	18.9
1995.....	218,028	24,423	11.2	183,450	17,593	9.6	23,732	7,047	29.7	33,399	6,336	19.0
1994.....	216,460	25,379	11.7	182,546	18,474	10.1	22,713	7,228	31.8	32,569	6,292	19.3

See footnotes at end of appendix.

Note: Prior to 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies were included in people in families. Beginning in 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies are included in all people but are excluded from people in families.

Table B-1. **Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998**—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below poverty level		All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE—Con.												
1993.....	214,899	26,226	12.2	181,330	18,968	10.5	23,224	7,199	31.0	32,112	6,443	20.1
1992 ^r	213,060	25,259	11.9	180,409	18,294	10.1	22,453	6,907	30.8	31,170	6,147	19.7
1991 ^r	210,133	23,747	11.3	177,619	17,268	9.7	21,608	6,806	31.5	31,207	5,872	18.8
1990.....	208,611	22,326	10.7	176,504	15,916	9.0	20,845	6,210	29.8	30,833	5,739	18.6
1989.....	206,853	20,785	10.0	175,857	15,179	8.6	20,362	5,723	28.1	29,993	5,063	16.9
1988 ^r	205,235	20,715	10.1	175,111	15,001	8.6	20,396	5,950	29.2	29,315	5,314	18.1
1987 ^r	203,605	21,195	10.4	174,488	15,593	8.9	20,244	5,989	29.6	28,290	5,174	18.3
1986.....	202,282	22,183	11.0	174,024	16,393	9.4	20,163	6,171	30.6	27,143	5,198	19.2
1985.....	200,918	22,860	11.4	172,863	17,125	9.9	20,105	5,990	29.8	27,067	5,299	19.6
1984.....	198,941	22,955	11.5	171,839	17,299	10.1	19,727	5,866	29.7	26,094	5,181	19.9
1983.....	197,496	23,984	12.1	171,407	18,377	10.7	19,256	6,017	31.2	25,206	5,189	20.6
1982.....	195,919	23,517	12.0	170,748	18,015	10.6	18,374	5,686	30.9	24,300	5,041	20.7
1981.....	194,504	21,553	11.1	169,868	16,127	9.5	18,795	5,600	29.8	23,913	5,061	21.2
1980.....	192,912	19,699	10.2	168,756	14,587	8.6	17,642	4,940	28.0	23,370	4,760	20.4
1979.....	191,742	17,214	9.0	168,461	12,495	7.4	17,349	4,375	25.2	22,587	4,452	19.7
1978.....	186,450	16,259	8.7	165,193	12,050	7.3	16,877	4,371	25.9	21,257	4,209	19.8
1977.....	185,254	16,416	8.9	165,385	12,364	7.5	16,721	4,474	26.8	19,869	4,051	20.4
1976.....	184,165	16,713	9.1	165,571	12,500	7.5	15,941	4,463	28.0	18,594	4,213	22.7
1975.....	183,164	17,770	9.7	165,661	13,799	8.3	15,577	4,577	29.4	17,503	3,972	22.7
1974.....	182,376	15,736	8.6	166,081	12,181	7.3	15,433	4,278	27.7	16,295	3,555	21.8
1973.....	181,185	15,142	8.4	165,424	11,412	6.9	14,303	4,003	28.0	15,761	3,730	23.7
1972.....	180,125	16,203	9.0	165,630	12,268	7.4	13,739	3,770	27.4	14,495	3,935	27.1
1971.....	179,398	17,780	9.9	165,184	13,566	8.2	13,502	4,099	30.4	14,214	4,214	29.6
1970.....	177,376	17,484	9.9	163,875	13,323	8.1	13,226	3,761	28.4	13,500	4,161	30.8
1969.....	175,349	16,659	9.5	162,779	12,623	7.8	12,285	3,577	29.1	12,570	4,036	32.1
1968.....	173,732	17,395	10.0	161,777	13,546	8.4	12,190	3,551	29.1	11,955	3,849	32.2
1967.....	172,038	18,983	11.0	160,720	14,851	9.2	12,131	3,453	28.5	11,318	4,132	36.5
1966.....	170,247	19,290	11.3	159,561	15,430	9.7	12,261	3,646	29.7	10,686	3,860	36.1
1965.....	168,732	22,496	13.3	158,255	18,508	11.7	11,573	4,092	35.4	10,477	3,988	38.1
1964.....	167,313	24,957	14.9	156,898	20,716	13.2	(NA)	3,911	33.4	10,415	4,241	40.7
1963.....	165,309	25,238	15.3	155,584	21,149	13.6	(NA)	4,051	35.6	9,725	4,089	42.0
1962.....	162,842	26,672	16.4	153,348	22,613	14.7	(NA)	4,089	37.9	9,494	4,059	42.7
1961.....	160,306	27,890	17.4	150,717	23,747	15.8	(NA)	4,062	37.6	9,589	4,143	43.2
1960.....	158,863	28,309	17.8	149,458	24,262	16.2	(NA)	4,296	39.0	9,405	4,047	43.0
1959.....	156,956	28,484	18.1	147,802	24,443	16.5	(NA)	4,232	40.2	9,154	4,041	44.1
WHITE, NOT HISPANIC												
1998.....	192,754	15,799	8.2	159,301	10,061	6.3	18,547	4,074	22.0	32,573	5,352	16.4
1997.....	191,859	16,491	8.6	158,796	10,401	6.5	18,474	4,604	24.9	32,049	5,632	17.6
1996.....	191,459	16,462	8.6	159,044	10,553	6.6	18,597	4,339	23.3	31,410	5,455	17.4
1995.....	190,951	16,267	8.5	159,402	10,599	6.6	18,340	4,183	22.8	30,586	5,303	17.3
1994.....	192,543	18,110	9.4	161,254	12,118	7.5	18,186	4,743	26.1	30,157	5,500	18.2
1993.....	190,843	18,882	9.9	160,062	12,756	8.0	18,508	4,724	25.5	29,681	5,570	18.8
1992 ^r	189,001	18,202	9.6	159,102	12,277	7.7	18,016	4,640	25.8	28,775	5,350	18.6
1991 ^r	189,116	17,741	9.4	158,850	11,998	7.6	17,609	4,710	26.7	29,215	5,261	18.0
1990.....	188,129	16,622	8.8	158,394	11,086	7.0	17,160	4,284	25	28,688	5,002	17.4
1989.....	186,979	15,599	8.3	158,127	10,723	6.8	16,827	3,922	23.3	28,055	4,466	15.9

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[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below poverty level		All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE, NOT HISPANIC—Con.	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent
1988 ^r	185,961	15,565	8.4	157,687	10,467	6.6	16,828	3,988	23.7	27,552	4,746	17.2
1987 ^r	184,936	16,029	8.7	157,785	11,051	7.0	16,787	4,075	24.3	26,439	4,613	17.4
1986	184,119	17,244	9.4	157,665	12,078	7.7	16,739	4,350	26.0	25,525	4,668	18.3
1985	183,455	17,839	9.7	157,106	12,706	8.1	16,749	4,136	24.7	25,544	4,789	18.7
1984	182,469	18,300	10.0	156,930	13,234	8.4	16,742	4,193	25.0	24,671	4,659	18.9
1983	181,393	19,538	10.8	156,719	14,437	9.2	16,369	4,448	27.2	23,894	4,746	19.9
1982	181,903	19,362	10.6	157,818	14,271	9.0	15,830	4,161	26.3	23,329	4,701	20.2
1981	180,909	17,987	9.9	157,330	12,903	8.2	16,323	4,222	25.9	22,950	4,769	20.8
1980	179,798	16,365	9.1	156,633	11,568	7.4	15,358	3,699	24.1	22,455	4,474	19.9
1979	178,814	14,419	8.1	156,567	10,009	6.4	15,410	3,371	21.9	21,638	4,179	19.3
1978	174,731	13,755	7.9	154,321	9,798	6.3	15,132	3,390	22.4	20,410	3,957	19.4
1977	173,563	13,802	8.0	154,449	9,977	6.5	14,888	3,429	23.0	19,114	3,825	20.0
1976	173,235	14,025	8.1	155,324	10,066	6.5	14,261	3,516	24.7	17,912	3,959	22.1
1975	172,417	14,883	8.6	155,539	11,137	7.2	13,809	3,570	25.9	16,879	3,746	22.2
1974	171,463	13,217	7.7	155,764	9,854	6.3	13,763	3,379	24.6	15,699	3,364	21.4
1973	170,488	12,864	7.5	155,330	9,262	6.0	12,731	3,185	25.0	15,158	3,602	23.8
BLACK												
1998	34,877	9,091	26.1	29,333	7,259	24.7	13,156	5,629	42.8	5,390	1,752	32.5
1997	34,458	9,116	26.5	28,962	7,386	25.5	13,218	5,654	42.8	5,316	1,645	31.0
1996	34,110	9,694	28.4	28,933	7,993	27.6	13,193	6,123	46.4	4,989	1,606	32.2
1995	33,740	9,872	29.3	28,777	8,189	28.5	13,604	6,553	48.2	4,756	1,551	32.6
1994	33,353	10,196	30.6	28,499	8,447	29.6	12,926	6,489	50.2	4,649	1,617	34.8
1993	32,910	10,877	33.1	28,106	9,242	32.9	13,132	6,955	53.0	4,608	1,541	33.4
1992 ^r	32,411	10,827	33.4	27,790	9,134	32.9	12,591	6,799	54.0	4,410	1,569	35.6
1991 ^r	31,313	10,242	32.7	26,565	8,504	32.0	11,960	6,557	54.8	4,505	1,590	35.3
1990	30,806	9,837	31.9	26,296	8,160	31.0	11,866	6,005	50.6	4,244	1,491	35.1
1989	30,332	9,302	30.7	25,931	7,704	29.7	11,190	5,530	49.4	4,180	1,471	35.2
1988 ^r	29,849	9,356	31.3	25,484	7,650	30.0	10,794	5,601	51.9	4,095	1,509	36.8
1987 ^r	29,362	9,520	32.4	25,128	7,848	31.2	10,701	5,789	54.1	3,977	1,471	37.0
1986	28,871	8,983	31.1	24,910	7,410	29.7	10,175	5,473	53.8	3,714	1,431	38.5
1985	28,485	8,926	31.3	24,620	7,504	30.5	10,041	5,342	53.2	3,641	1,264	34.7
1984	28,087	9,490	33.8	24,387	8,104	33.2	10,384	5,666	54.6	3,501	1,255	35.8
1983	27,678	9,882	35.7	24,138	8,376	34.7	10,059	5,736	57.0	3,287	1,338	40.7
1982	27,216	9,697	35.6	23,948	8,355	34.9	9,699	5,698	58.8	3,051	1,229	40.3
1981	26,834	9,173	34.2	23,423	7,780	33.2	9,214	5,222	56.7	3,277	1,296	39.6
1980	26,408	8,579	32.5	23,084	7,190	31.1	9,338	4,984	53.4	3,208	1,314	41.0
1979	25,944	8,050	31.0	22,666	6,800	30.0	9,065	4,816	53.1	3,127	1,168	37.3
1978	24,956	7,625	30.6	22,027	6,493	29.5	8,689	4,712	54.2	2,929	1,132	38.6
1977	24,710	7,726	31.3	21,850	6,667	30.5	8,315	4,595	55.3	2,860	1,059	37.0
1976	24,399	7,595	31.1	21,840	6,576	30.1	7,926	4,415	55.7	2,559	1,019	39.8
1975	24,089	7,545	31.3	21,687	6,533	30.1	7,679	4,168	54.3	2,402	1,011	42.1
1974	23,699	7,182	30.3	21,341	6,255	29.3	7,483	4,116	55.0	2,359	927	39.3
1973	23,512	7,388	31.4	21,328	6,560	30.8	7,188	4,064	56.5	2,183	828	37.9
1972	23,144	7,710	33.3	21,116	6,841	32.4	7,125	4,139	58.1	2,028	870	42.9
1971	22,784	7,396	32.5	20,900	6,530	31.2	6,398	3,587	56.1	1,884	866	46.0
1970	22,515	7,548	33.5	20,724	6,683	32.2	6,225	3,656	58.7	1,791	865	48.3
1969	22,011	7,095	32.2	20,192	6,245	30.9	5,537	3,225	58.2	1,819	850	46.7

See footnotes at end of appendix.

Note: Prior to 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies were included in people in families. Beginning in 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies are included in all people but are excluded from people in families.

Table B-1. **Poverty Status of People by Family Relationship, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All people			People in families						Unrelated individuals		
	Total	Below poverty level		All families			Families with female householder, no husband present			Total	Below poverty level	
				Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level				
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
BLACK—Con.												
1968.....	21,944	7,616	34.7	(NA)	6,839	33.7	(NA)	3,312	58.9	(NA)	777	46.3
1967.....	21,590	8,486	39.3	(NA)	7,677	38.4	(NA)	3,362	61.6	(NA)	809	49.3
1966.....	21,206	8,867	41.8	(NA)	8,090	40.9	(NA)	3,160	65.3	(NA)	777	54.4
1959.....	18,013	9,927	55.1	(NA)	9,112	54.9	(NA)	2,416	70.6	1,430	815	57.0
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹												
1998.....	31,515	8,070	25.6	28,055	6,814	24.3	6,074	2,837	46.7	3,218	1,097	34.1
1997.....	30,637	8,308	27.1	27,467	7,198	26.2	5,718	2,911	50.9	2,976	1,017	34.2
1996.....	29,614	8,697	29.4	26,340	7,515	28.5	5,641	3,020	53.5	2,985	1,066	35.7
1995.....	28,344	8,574	30.3	25,165	7,341	29.2	5,785	3,053	52.8	2,947	1,092	37.0
1994.....	27,442	8,416	30.7	24,390	7,357	30.2	5,328	2,920	54.8	2,798	926	33.1
1993.....	26,559	8,126	30.6	23,439	6,876	29.3	5,333	2,837	53.2	2,717	972	35.8
1992 ^r	25,646	7,592	29.6	22,695	6,455	28.4	4,806	2,474	51.5	2,577	881	34.2
1991 ^r	22,070	6,339	28.7	19,658	5,541	28.2	4,326	2,282	52.7	2,146	667	31.1
1990.....	21,405	6,006	28.1	18,912	5,091	26.9	3,993	2,115	53.0	2,254	774	34.3
1989.....	20,746	5,430	26.2	18,488	4,659	25.2	3,763	1,902	50.6	2,045	634	31.0
1988 ^r	20,064	5,357	26.7	18,102	4,700	26.0	3,734	2,052	55.0	1,864	597	32.0
1987 ^r	19,395	5,422	28.0	17,342	4,761	27.5	3,678	2,045	55.6	1,933	598	31.0
1986.....	18,758	5,117	27.3	16,880	4,469	26.5	3,631	1,921	52.9	1,685	553	32.8
1985.....	18,075	5,236	29.0	16,276	4,605	28.3	3,561	1,983	55.7	1,602	532	33.2
1984.....	16,916	4,806	28.4	15,293	4,192	27.4	3,139	1,764	56.2	1,481	545	36.8
1983.....	16,544	4,633	28.0	15,075	4,113	27.3	3,032	1,670	55.1	1,364	457	33.5
1982.....	14,385	4,301	29.9	13,242	3,865	29.2	2,664	1,601	60.1	1,018	358	35.1
1981.....	14,021	3,713	26.5	12,922	3,349	25.9	2,622	1,465	55.9	1,005	313	31.1
1980.....	13,600	3,491	25.7	12,547	3,143	25.1	2,421	1,319	54.5	970	312	32.2
1979.....	13,371	2,921	21.8	12,291	2,599	21.1	2,058	1,053	51.2	991	286	28.8
1978.....	12,079	2,607	21.6	11,193	2,343	20.9	1,817	1,024	56.4	886	264	29.8
1977.....	12,046	2,700	22.4	11,249	2,463	21.9	1,901	1,077	56.7	797	237	29.8
1976.....	11,269	2,783	24.7	10,552	2,516	23.8	1,766	1,000	56.6	716	266	37.2
1975.....	11,117	2,991	26.9	10,472	2,755	26.3	1,842	1,053	57.2	645	236	36.6
1974.....	11,201	2,575	23.0	10,584	2,374	22.4	1,723	915	53.1	617	201	32.6
1973.....	10,795	2,366	21.9	10,269	2,209	21.5	1,534	881	57.4	526	157	29.9
1972.....	10,588	2,414	22.8	10,099	2,252	22.3	1,370	733	53.5	488	162	33.2
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER												
1998.....	10,873	1,360	12.5	9,576	1,087	11.4	1,123	373	33.2	1,266	257	20.3
1997.....	10,482	1,468	14.0	9,312	1,116	12.0	932	313	33.6	1,134	327	28.9
1996.....	10,054	1,454	14.5	8,900	1,172	13.2	1,018	300	29.5	1,120	255	22.8
1995.....	9,644	1,411	14.6	8,582	1,112	13.0	919	266	28.9	1,013	260	25.6
1994.....	6,654	974	14.6	5,915	776	13.1	582	137	23.6	696	179	25.7
1993.....	7,434	1,134	15.3	6,609	898	13.6	725	126	17.4	791	228	28.8
1992 ^r	7,779	985	12.7	6,922	787	11.4	729	183	25.0	828	193	23.3
1991 ^r	7,192	996	13.8	6,367	773	12.1	721	177	24.6	785	209	26.6
1990.....	7,014	858	12.2	6,300	712	11.3	638	132	20.7	668	124	18.5
1989.....	6,673	939	14.1	5,917	779	13.2	614	212	34.6	712	144	20.2
1988 ^r	6,447	1,117	17.3	5,767	942	16.3	650	263	40.5	651	160	24.5
1987 ^r	6,322	1,021	16.1	5,785	875	15.1	584	187	32.0	516	138	26.8

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Note: Prior to 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies were included in people in families. Beginning in 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies are included in all people but are excluded from people in families.

Table B-2. **Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998**

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and over		
	All people			Related children in families								
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level							
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
ALL RACES												
1998.....	71,338	13,467	18.9	70,253	12,845	18.3	167,326	17,623	10.5	32,394	3,386	10.5
1997.....	71,069	14,113	19.9	69,844	13,422	19.2	165,329	18,084	10.9	32,082	3,376	10.5
1996.....	70,650	14,463	20.5	69,411	13,764	19.8	163,691	18,638	11.4	31,877	3,428	10.8
1995.....	70,566	14,665	20.8	69,425	13,999	20.2	161,508	18,442	11.4	31,658	3,318	10.5
1994.....	70,020	15,289	21.8	68,819	14,610	21.2	160,329	19,107	11.9	31,267	3,663	11.7
1993.....	69,292	15,727	22.7	68,040	14,961	22.0	159,208	19,781	12.4	30,779	3,755	12.2
1992 ^r	68,440	15,294	22.3	67,256	14,521	21.6	157,680	18,793	11.9	30,430	3,928	12.9
1991 ^r	65,918	14,341	21.8	64,800	13,658	21.1	154,684	17,586	11.4	30,590	3,781	12.4
1990.....	65,049	13,431	20.6	63,908	12,715	19.9	153,502	16,496	10.7	30,093	3,658	12.2
1989.....	64,144	12,590	19.6	63,225	12,001	19.0	152,282	15,575	10.2	29,566	3,363	11.4
1988 ^r	63,747	12,455	19.5	62,906	11,935	19.0	150,761	15,809	10.5	29,022	3,481	12.0
1987 ^r	63,294	12,843	20.3	62,423	12,275	19.7	149,201	15,815	10.6	28,487	3,563	12.5
1986.....	62,948	12,876	20.5	62,009	12,257	19.8	147,631	16,017	10.8	27,975	3,477	12.4
1985.....	62,876	13,010	20.7	62,019	12,483	20.1	146,396	16,598	11.3	27,322	3,456	12.6
1984.....	62,447	13,420	21.5	61,681	12,929	21.0	144,551	16,952	11.7	26,818	3,330	12.4
1983.....	62,334	13,911	22.3	61,578	13,427	21.8	143,052	17,767	12.4	26,313	3,625	13.8
1982.....	62,345	13,647	21.9	61,565	13,139	21.3	141,328	17,000	12.0	25,738	3,751	14.6
1981.....	62,449	12,505	20.0	61,756	12,068	19.5	139,477	15,464	11.1	25,231	3,853	15.3
1980.....	62,914	11,543	18.3	62,168	11,114	17.9	137,428	13,858	10.1	24,686	3,871	15.7
1979.....	63,375	10,377	16.4	62,646	9,993	16.0	135,333	12,014	8.9	24,194	3,682	15.2
1978.....	62,311	9,931	15.9	61,987	9,722	15.7	130,169	11,332	8.7	23,175	3,233	14.0
1977.....	63,137	10,288	16.2	62,823	10,028	16.0	128,262	11,316	8.8	22,468	3,177	14.1
1976.....	64,028	10,273	16.0	63,729	10,081	15.8	126,175	11,389	9.0	22,100	3,313	15.0
1975.....	65,079	11,104	17.1	64,750	10,882	16.8	124,122	11,456	9.2	21,662	3,317	15.3
1974.....	66,134	10,156	15.4	65,802	9,967	15.1	122,101	10,132	8.3	21,127	3,085	14.6
1973.....	66,959	9,642	14.4	66,626	9,453	14.2	120,060	9,977	8.3	20,602	3,354	16.3
1972.....	67,930	10,284	15.1	67,592	10,082	14.9	117,957	10,438	8.8	20,117	3,738	18.6
1971.....	68,816	10,551	15.3	68,474	10,344	15.1	115,911	10,735	9.3	19,827	4,273	21.6
1970.....	69,159	10,440	15.1	68,815	10,235	14.9	113,554	10,187	9.0	19,470	4,793	24.6
1969.....	69,090	9,691	14.0	68,746	9,501	13.8	111,528	9,669	8.7	18,899	4,787	25.3
1968.....	70,385	10,954	15.6	70,035	10,739	15.3	108,684	9,803	9.0	18,559	4,632	25.0
1967.....	70,408	11,656	16.6	70,058	11,427	16.3	107,024	10,725	10.0	18,240	5,388	29.5
1966.....	70,218	12,389	17.6	69,869	12,146	17.4	105,241	11,007	10.5	17,929	5,114	28.5
1965.....	69,986	14,676	21.0	69,638	14,388	20.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1964.....	69,711	16,051	23.0	69,364	15,736	22.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1963.....	69,181	16,005	23.1	68,837	15,691	22.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1962.....	67,722	16,963	25.0	67,385	16,630	24.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1961.....	66,121	16,909	25.6	65,792	16,577	25.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1960.....	65,601	17,634	26.9	65,275	17,288	26.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959.....	64,315	17,552	27.3	63,995	17,208	26.9	96,685	16,457	17.0	15,557	5,481	35.2
WHITE												
1998.....	56,016	8,443	15.1	55,126	7,935	14.4	138,061	12,456	9.0	28,759	2,555	8.9
1997.....	55,863	8,990	16.1	54,870	8,441	15.4	136,783	12,838	9.4	28,553	2,569	9.0
1996.....	55,606	9,044	16.3	54,599	8,488	15.5	135,586	12,940	9.5	28,464	2,667	9.4
1995.....	55,444	8,981	16.2	54,532	8,474	15.5	134,149	12,869	9.6	28,436	2,572	9.0
1994.....	55,186	9,346	16.9	54,221	8,826	16.3	133,289	13,187	9.9	27,985	2,846	10.2
1993.....	54,639	9,752	17.8	53,614	9,123	17.0	132,680	13,535	10.2	27,580	2,939	10.7
1992 ^r	54,110	9,399	17.4	53,110	8,752	16.5	131,694	12,871	9.8	27,256	2,989	11.0
1991 ^r	52,523	8,848	16.8	51,627	8,316	16.1	130,312	12,097	9.3	27,297	2,802	10.3
1990.....	51,929	8,232	15.9	51,028	7,696	15.1	129,784	11,387	8.8	26,898	2,707	10.1
1989.....	51,400	7,599	14.8	50,704	7,164	14.1	128,974	10,647	8.3	26,479	2,539	9.6

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Note: Prior to 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies were included in people in families. Beginning in 1979, people in unrelated subfamilies are included in all people but are excluded from people in families.

Table B-2. **Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and over		
	All people			Related children in families			Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level							
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent						
WHITE—Con.	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent	Total	Number	Percent
1988 ^r	51,203	7,435	14.5	50,590	7,095	14.0	128,031	10,687	8.3	26,001	2,593	10.0
1987 ^r	51,012	7,788	15.3	50,360	7,398	14.7	126,991	10,703	8.4	25,602	2,704	10.6
1986	51,111	8,209	16.1	50,356	7,714	15.3	125,998	11,285	9.0	25,173	2,689	10.7
1985	51,031	8,253	16.2	50,358	7,838	15.6	125,258	11,909	9.5	24,629	2,698	11.0
1984	50,814	8,472	16.7	50,192	8,086	16.1	123,922	11,904	9.6	24,206	2,579	10.7
1983	50,726	8,862	17.5	50,183	8,534	17.0	123,014	12,347	10.0	23,754	2,776	11.7
1982	50,920	8,678	17.0	50,305	8,282	16.5	121,766	11,971	9.8	23,234	2,870	12.4
1981	51,140	7,785	15.2	50,553	7,429	14.7	120,574	10,790	8.9	22,791	2,978	13.1
1980	51,653	7,181	13.9	51,002	6,817	13.4	118,935	9,478	8.0	22,325	3,042	13.6
1979	52,262	6,193	11.8	51,687	5,909	11.4	117,583	8,110	6.9	21,898	2,911	13.3
1978	51,669	5,831	11.3	51,409	5,674	11.0	113,832	7,897	6.9	20,950	2,530	12.1
1977	52,563	6,097	11.6	52,299	5,943	11.4	112,374	7,893	7.0	20,316	2,426	11.9
1976	53,428	6,189	11.6	53,167	6,034	11.3	110,717	7,890	7.1	20,020	2,633	13.2
1975	54,405	6,927	12.7	54,126	6,748	12.5	109,105	8,210	7.5	19,654	2,634	13.4
1974	55,590	6,223	11.2	55,320	6,079	11.0	107,579	7,053	6.6	19,206	2,460	12.8
1973	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	56,211	5,462	9.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,698	14.4
1972	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	57,181	5,784	10.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,072	16.8
1971	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58,119	6,341	10.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,605	19.9
1970	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58,472	6,138	10.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,011	22.6
1969	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58,578	5,667	9.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,052	23.3
1968	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,373	10.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	17,062	3,939	23.1
1967	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6,729	11.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16,791	4,646	27.7
1966	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	7,204	12.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	16,514	4,357	26.4
1965	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	8,595	14.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1960	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11,229	20.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1959	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	11,386	20.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,744	33.1
WHITE, NOT HISPANIC												
1998	45,355	4,822	10.6	44,670	4,458	10.0	120,283	8,761	7.3	27,118	2,217	8.2
1997	45,491	5,204	11.4	44,665	4,759	10.7	119,373	9,088	7.6	26,995	2,200	8.1
1996	45,605	5,072	11.1	44,844	4,656	10.4	118,822	9,074	7.6	27,033	2,316	8.6
1995	45,689	5,115	11.2	44,973	4,745	10.6	118,228	8,908	7.5	27,034	2,243	8.3
1994	46,668	5,823	12.5	45,874	5,404	11.8	119,192	9,732	8.2	26,684	2,556	9.6
1993	46,096	6,255	13.6	45,322	5,819	12.8	118,475	9,964	8.4	26,272	2,663	10.1
1992 ^r	45,590	6,017	13.2	44,833	5,558	12.4	117,386	9,461	8.1	26,025	2,724	10.5
1991 ^r	45,236	5,918	13.1	44,506	5,497	12.4	117,672	9,244	7.9	26,208	2,580	9.8
1990	44,797	5,532	12.3	44,045	5,106	11.6	117,477	8,619	7.3	25,854	2,471	9.6
1989	44,492	5,110	11.5	43,938	4,779	10.9	116,983	8,154	7.0	25,504	2,335	9.2
1988 ^r	44,438	4,888	11.0	43,910	4,594	10.5	116,479	8,293	7.1	25,044	2,384	9.5
1987 ^r	44,461	5,230	11.8	43,907	4,902	11.2	115,721	8,327	7.2	24,754	2,472	10.0
1986	44,664	5,789	13.0	44,041	5,388	12.2	115,157	8,963	7.8	24,298	2,492	10.3
1985	44,752	5,745	12.8	44,199	5,421	12.3	114,969	9,608	8.4	23,734	2,486	10.5
1984	44,886	6,156	13.7	44,349	5,828	13.1	114,180	9,734	8.5	23,402	2,410	10.3
1983	44,830	6,649	14.8	44,374	6,381	14.4	113,570	10,279	9.1	22,992	2,610	11.4
1982	45,531	6,566	14.4	45,001	6,229	13.8	113,717	10,082	8.9	22,655	2,714	12.0
1981	45,950	5,946	12.9	45,440	5,639	12.4	112,722	9,207	8.2	22,237	2,834	12.7
1980	46,578	5,510	11.8	45,989	5,174	11.3	111,460	7,990	7.2	21,760	2,865	13.2
1979	46,967	4,730	10.1	46,448	4,476	9.6	110,509	6,930	6.3	21,339	2,759	12.9
1978	46,819	4,506	9.6	46,606	4,383	9.4	107,481	6,837	6.4	20,431	2,412	11.8
1977	47,689	4,714	9.9	47,459	4,582	9.7	106,063	6,772	6.4	19,812	2,316	11.7
1976	48,824	4,799	9.8	48,601	4,664	9.6	104,846	6,720	6.4	19,565	2,506	12.8
1975	49,670	5,342	10.8	49,421	5,185	10.5	103,496	7,039	6.8	19,251	2,503	13.0
1974	50,759	4,820	9.5	50,520	4,697	9.3	101,894	6,051	5.9	18,810	2,346	12.5

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Table B-2. **Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998**—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and over		
	All people			Related children in families								
		Below poverty level			Below poverty level							
		Total	Number		Percent	Total						
BLACK												
1998.....	11,317	4,151	36.7	11,176	4,073	36.4	20,836	4,223	20.3	2,723	718	26.4
1997.....	11,367	4,225	37.2	11,193	4,116	36.8	20,399	4,191	20.5	2,691	700	26.0
1996.....	11,338	4,519	39.9	11,155	4,411	39.5	20,155	4,515	22.4	2,616	661	25.3
1995.....	11,369	4,761	41.9	11,198	4,644	41.5	19,892	4,483	22.5	2,478	629	25.4
1994.....	11,211	4,906	43.8	11,044	4,787	43.3	19,585	4,590	23.4	2,557	700	27.4
1993.....	11,127	5,125	46.1	10,969	5,030	45.9	19,272	5,049	26.2	2,510	702	28.0
1992 ^r	10,956	5,106	46.6	10,823	5,015	46.3	18,952	4,884	25.8	2,504	838	33.5
1991 ^r	10,350	4,755	45.9	10,178	4,637	45.6	18,356	4,607	25.1	2,606	880	33.8
1990.....	10,162	4,550	44.8	9,980	4,412	44.2	18,097	4,427	24.5	2,547	860	33.8
1989.....	10,012	4,375	43.7	9,847	4,257	43.2	17,833	4,164	23.3	2,487	763	30.7
1988 ^r	9,865	4,296	43.5	9,681	4,148	42.8	17,548	4,275	24.4	2,436	785	32.2
1987 ^r	9,730	4,385	45.1	9,546	4,234	44.4	17,245	4,361	25.3	2,387	774	32.4
1986.....	9,629	4,148	43.1	9,467	4,037	42.7	16,911	4,113	24.3	2,331	722	31.0
1985.....	9,545	4,157	43.6	9,405	4,057	43.1	16,667	4,052	24.3	2,273	717	31.5
1984.....	9,480	4,413	46.6	9,356	4,320	46.2	16,369	4,368	26.7	2,238	710	31.7
1983.....	9,417	4,398	46.7	9,245	4,273	46.2	16,065	4,694	29.2	2,197	791	36.0
1982.....	9,400	4,472	47.6	9,269	4,388	47.3	15,692	4,415	28.1	2,124	811	38.2
1981.....	9,374	4,237	45.2	9,291	4,170	44.9	15,358	4,117	26.8	2,102	820	39.0
1980.....	9,368	3,961	42.3	9,287	3,906	42.1	14,987	3,835	25.6	2,054	783	38.1
1979.....	9,307	3,833	41.2	9,172	3,745	40.8	14,596	3,478	23.8	2,040	740	36.2
1978.....	9,229	3,830	41.5	9,168	3,781	41.2	13,774	3,133	22.7	1,954	662	33.9
1977.....	9,296	3,888	41.8	9,253	3,850	41.6	13,483	3,137	23.3	1,930	701	36.3
1976.....	9,322	3,787	40.6	9,291	3,758	40.4	13,224	3,163	23.9	1,852	644	34.8
1975.....	9,421	3,925	41.7	9,374	3,884	41.4	12,872	2,968	23.1	1,795	652	36.3
1974.....	9,439	3,755	39.8	9,384	3,713	39.6	12,539	2,836	22.6	1,721	591	34.3
1973.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,405	3,822	40.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,672	620	37.1
1972.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,426	4,025	42.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,603	640	39.9
1971.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,414	3,836	40.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,584	623	39.3
1970.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,448	3,922	41.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,422	683	48.0
1969.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	9,290	3,677	39.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,373	689	50.2
1968.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,188	43.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,374	655	47.7
1967.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,558	47.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,341	715	53.3
1966.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,774	50.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,311	722	55.1
1959.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	5,022	65.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	711	62.5
HISPANIC ORIGIN ¹												
1998.....	11,152	3,837	34.4	10,921	3,670	33.6	18,668	3,877	20.8	1,696	356	21.0
1997.....	10,802	3,972	36.8	10,625	3,865	36.4	18,218	3,951	21.7	1,617	384	23.8
1996.....	10,511	4,237	40.3	10,255	4,090	39.9	17,587	4,089	23.3	1,516	370	24.4
1995.....	10,213	4,080	40.0	10,011	3,938	39.3	16,673	4,153	24.9	1,458	342	23.5
1994.....	9,822	4,075	41.5	9,621	3,956	41.1	16,192	4,018	24.8	1,428	323	22.6
1993.....	9,462	3,873	40.9	9,188	3,666	39.9	15,708	3,956	25.2	1,390	297	21.4
1992 ^r	9,081	3,637	40.0	8,829	3,440	39.0	15,268	3,668	24.0	1,298	287	22.1
1991 ^r	7,648	3,094	40.4	7,473	2,977	39.8	13,279	3,008	22.7	1,143	237	20.8
1990.....	7,457	2,865	38.4	7,300	2,750	37.7	12,857	2,896	22.5	1,091	245	22.5
1989.....	7,186	2,603	36.2	7,040	2,496	35.5	12,536	2,616	20.9	1,024	211	20.6
1988 ^r	7,003	2,631	37.6	6,908	2,576	37.3	12,056	2,501	20.7	1,005	225	22.4
1987 ^r	6,792	2,670	39.3	6,692	2,606	38.9	11,718	2,509	21.4	885	243	27.5
1986.....	6,646	2,507	37.7	6,511	2,413	37.1	11,206	2,406	21.5	906	204	22.5
1985.....	6,475	2,606	40.3	6,346	2,512	39.6	10,685	2,411	22.6	915	219	23.9
1984.....	6,068	2,376	39.2	5,982	2,317	38.7	10,029	2,254	22.5	819	176	21.5

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Table B-2. **Poverty Status of People by Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998—Con.**

[Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	Under 18 years						18 to 64 years			65 years and over		
	All people			Related children in families								
		Below poverty level			Below poverty level							
		Total	Number		Percent	Total					Number	Percent
HISPANIC ORIGIN ¹ —Con.												
1983.....	6,066	2,312	38.1	5,977	2,251	37.7	9,697	2,148	22.5	782	173	22.1
1982.....	5,527	2,181	39.5	5,436	2,117	38.9	8,262	1,963	23.8	596	159	26.6
1981.....	5,369	1,925	35.9	5,291	1,874	35.4	8,084	1,642	20.3	568	146	25.7
1980.....	5,276	1,749	33.2	5,211	1,718	33.0	7,740	1,563	20.2	582	179	30.8
1979.....	5,483	1,535	28.0	5,426	1,505	27.7	7,314	1,232	16.8	574	154	26.8
1978.....	5,012	1,384	27.6	4,972	1,354	27.2	6,527	1,098	16.8	539	125	23.2
1977.....	5,028	1,422	28.3	5,000	1,402	28.0	6,500	1,164	17.9	518	113	21.9
1976.....	4,771	1,443	30.2	4,736	1,424	30.1	6,034	1,212	20.1	464	128	27.7
1975.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,896	1,619	33.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	137	32.6
1974.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,939	1,414	28.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	117	28.9
1973.....	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,910	1,364	27.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	95	24.9
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER												
1998.....	3,137	564	18.0	3,099	542	17.5	6,951	698	10.0	785	97	12.4
1997.....	3,096	628	20.3	3,061	608	19.9	6,680	752	11.3	705	87	12.3
1996.....	2,924	571	19.5	2,899	553	19.1	6,484	821	12.7	647	63	9.7
1995.....	2,900	564	19.5	2,858	532	18.6	6,123	757	12.4	622	89	14.3
1994.....	1,739	318	18.3	1,719	308	17.9	4,401	589	13.4	513	67	13.0
1993.....	2,061	375	18.2	2,029	358	17.6	4,871	680	14.0	503	79	15.6
1992 ^r	2,218	363	16.4	2,199	352	16.0	5,067	568	11.2	494	53	10.8
1991 ^r	2,056	360	17.5	2,036	348	17.1	4,582	565	12.3	555	70	12.7
1990.....	2,126	374	17.6	2,098	356	17.0	4,375	422	9.6	514	62	12.1
1989.....	1,983	392	19.8	1,945	368	18.9	4,225	512	12.1	465	34	7.4
1988 ^r	1,970	474	24.1	1,949	458	23.5	4,035	583	14.4	442	60	13.5
1987 ^r	1,937	455	23.5	1,908	432	22.7	4,010	510	12.7	375	56	15.0

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Table B-3. Poverty Status of Families by Type of Family, Presence of Related Children, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998

[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent			
ALL RACES												
With and Without Children Under 18 Years												
1998	71,551	7,186	10.0	54,778	2,879	5.3	3,977	476	12.0	12,796	3,831	29.9
1997	70,884	7,324	10.3	54,321	2,821	5.2	3,911	508	13.0	12,652	3,995	31.6
1996	70,241	7,708	11.0	53,604	3,010	5.6	3,847	531	13.8	12,790	4,167	32.6
1995	69,597	7,532	10.8	53,570	2,982	5.6	3,513	493	14.0	12,514	4,057	32.4
1994	69,313	8,053	11.6	53,865	3,272	6.1	3,228	549	17.0	12,220	4,232	34.6
1993	68,506	8,393	12.3	53,181	3,481	6.5	2,914	488	16.8	12,411	4,424	35.6
1992 ^r	68,216	8,144	11.9	53,090	3,385	6.4	3,065	484	15.8	12,061	4,275	35.4
1991 ^r	67,175	7,712	11.5	52,457	3,158	6.0	3,025	392	13.0	11,693	4,161	35.6
1990	66,322	7,098	10.7	52,147	2,981	5.7	2,907	349	12.0	11,268	3,768	33.4
1989	66,090	6,784	10.3	52,137	2,931	5.6	2,884	348	12.1	10,890	3,504	32.2
1988 ^r	65,837	6,874	10.4	52,100	2,897	5.6	2,847	336	11.8	10,890	3,642	33.4
1987 ^r	65,204	7,005	10.7	51,675	3,011	5.8	2,833	340	12.0	10,696	3,654	34.2
1986	64,491	7,023	10.9	51,537	3,123	6.1	2,510	287	11.4	10,445	3,613	34.6
1985	63,558	7,223	11.4	50,933	3,438	6.7	2,414	311	12.9	10,211	3,474	34.0
1984	62,706	7,277	11.6	50,350	3,488	6.9	2,228	292	13.1	10,129	3,498	34.5
1983	62,015	7,647	12.3	50,081	3,815	7.6	2,038	268	13.2	9,896	3,564	36.0
1982	61,393	7,512	12.2	49,908	3,789	7.6	2,016	290	14.4	9,469	3,434	36.3
1981	61,019	6,851	11.2	49,630	3,394	6.8	1,986	205	10.3	9,403	3,252	34.6
1980	60,309	6,217	10.3	49,294	3,032	6.2	1,933	213	11.0	9,082	2,972	32.7
1979	59,550	5,461	9.2	49,112	2,640	5.4	1,733	176	10.2	8,705	2,645	30.4
1978	57,804	5,280	9.1	47,692	2,474	5.2	1,654	152	9.2	8,458	2,654	31.4
1977	57,215	5,311	9.3	47,385	2,524	5.3	1,594	177	11.1	8,236	2,610	31.7
1976	56,710	5,311	9.4	47,497	2,606	5.5	1,500	162	10.8	7,713	2,543	33.0
1975	56,245	5,450	9.7	47,318	2,904	6.1	1,445	116	8.0	7,482	2,430	32.5
1974	55,698	4,922	8.8	47,069	2,474	5.3	1,399	125	8.9	7,230	2,324	32.1
1973	55,053	4,828	8.8	46,812	2,482	5.3	1,438	154	10.7	6,804	2,193	32.2
1972	54,373	5,075	9.3	46,314	(NA)	(NA)	1,452	(NA)	(NA)	6,607	2,158	32.7
1971	53,296	5,303	10.0	45,752	(NA)	(NA)	1,353	(NA)	(NA)	6,191	2,100	33.9
1970	52,227	5,260	10.1	44,739	(NA)	(NA)	1,487	(NA)	(NA)	6,001	1,952	32.5
1969	51,586	5,008	9.7	44,436	(NA)	(NA)	1,559	(NA)	(NA)	5,591	1,827	32.7
1968	50,511	5,047	10.0	43,842	(NA)	(NA)	1,228	(NA)	(NA)	5,441	1,755	32.3
1967	49,835	5,667	11.4	43,292	(NA)	(NA)	1,210	(NA)	(NA)	5,333	1,774	33.3
1966	48,921	5,784	11.8	42,553	(NA)	(NA)	1,197	(NA)	(NA)	5,171	1,721	33.1
1965	48,278	6,721	13.9	42,107	(NA)	(NA)	1,179	(NA)	(NA)	4,992	1,916	38.4
1964	47,836	7,160	15.0	41,648	(NA)	(NA)	1,182	(NA)	(NA)	5,006	1,822	36.4
1963	47,436	7,554	15.9	41,311	(NA)	(NA)	1,243	(NA)	(NA)	4,882	1,972	40.4
1962	46,998	8,077	17.2	40,923	(NA)	(NA)	1,334	(NA)	(NA)	4,741	2,034	42.9
1961	46,341	8,391	18.1	40,405	(NA)	(NA)	1,293	(NA)	(NA)	4,643	1,954	42.1
1960	45,435	8,243	18.1	39,624	(NA)	(NA)	1,202	(NA)	(NA)	4,609	1,955	42.4
1959	45,054	8,320	18.5	39,335	(NA)	(NA)	1,226	(NA)	(NA)	4,493	1,916	42.6
With Children Under 18 Years												
1998	37,268	5,628	15.1	26,226	1,822	6.9	2,108	350	16.6	8,934	3,456	38.7
1997	37,427	5,884	15.7	26,430	1,863	7.1	2,175	407	18.7	8,822	3,614	41.0
1996	37,204	6,131	16.5	26,184	1,964	7.5	2,063	412	20.0	8,957	3,755	41.9
1995	36,719	5,976	16.3	26,034	1,961	7.5	1,934	381	19.7	8,751	3,634	41.5
1994	36,782	6,408	17.4	26,367	2,197	8.3	1,750	395	22.6	8,665	3,816	44.0

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Table B-3. Poverty Status of Families by Type of Family, Presence of Related Children, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 1959 to 1998—Con.

[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
ALL RACES—Con.												
With Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1993	36,456	6,751	18.5	26,121	2,363	9.0	1,577	354	22.5	8,758	4,034	46.1
1992 ^r	35,851	6,457	18.0	25,907	2,237	8.6	1,569	353	22.5	8,375	3,867	46.2
1991 ^r	34,862	6,170	17.7	25,357	2,106	8.3	1,513	297	19.6	7,991	3,767	47.1
1990	34,503	5,676	16.4	25,410	1,990	7.8	1,386	260	18.8	7,707	3,426	44.5
1989	34,279	5,308	15.5	25,476	1,872	7.3	1,358	246	18.1	7,445	3,190	42.8
1988 ^r	34,251	5,373	15.7	25,598	1,847	7.2	1,292	232	18.0	7,361	3,294	44.7
1987 ^r	33,996	5,465	16.1	25,464	1,963	7.7	1,316	221	16.8	7,216	3,281	45.5
1986	33,801	5,516	16.3	25,571	2,050	8.0	1,136	202	17.8	7,094	3,264	46.0
1985	33,536	5,586	16.7	25,496	2,258	8.9	1,147	197	17.1	6,892	3,131	45.4
1984	32,942	5,662	17.2	25,038	2,344	9.4	1,072	194	18.1	6,832	3,124	45.7
1983	32,787	5,871	17.9	25,216	2,557	10.1	949	192	20.2	6,622	3,122	47.1
1982	32,565	5,712	17.5	25,276	2,470	9.8	892	184	20.6	6,397	3,059	47.8
1981	32,587	5,191	15.9	25,278	2,199	8.7	822	115	14.0	6,488	2,877	44.3
1980	32,773	4,822	14.7	25,671	1,974	7.7	802	144	18.0	6,299	2,703	42.9
1979	32,397	4,081	12.6	25,615	1,573	6.1	747	116	15.5	6,035	2,392	39.6
1978	31,735	4,060	12.8	25,199	1,495	5.9	699	103	14.7	5,837	2,462	42.2
1977	31,637	4,081	12.9	25,284	1,602	6.3	644	95	14.8	5,709	2,384	41.8
1976	31,434	4,060	12.9	25,515	1,623	6.4	609	94	15.4	5,310	2,343	44.1
1975	31,377	4,172	13.3	25,704	1,855	7.2	554	65	11.7	5,119	2,252	44.0
1974	31,319	3,789	12.1	25,857	1,558	6.0	545	84	15.4	4,917	2,147	43.7
1973	30,977	3,520	11.4	25,983	(NA)	(NA)	397	(NA)	(NA)	4,597	1,987	43.2
1972	30,807	3,621	11.8	26,085	(NA)	(NA)	401	(NA)	(NA)	4,321	1,925	44.5
1971	30,725	3,683	12.0	26,201	(NA)	(NA)	447	(NA)	(NA)	4,077	1,830	44.9
1970	30,070	3,491	11.6	25,789	(NA)	(NA)	444	(NA)	(NA)	3,837	1,680	43.8
1969	29,827	3,226	10.8	26,083	(NA)	(NA)	360	(NA)	(NA)	3,384	1,519	44.9
1968	29,325	3,347	11.4	25,684	(NA)	(NA)	372	(NA)	(NA)	3,269	1,459	44.6
1967	29,032	3,586	12.4	25,482	(NA)	(NA)	360	(NA)	(NA)	3,190	1,418	44.5
1966	28,592	3,734	13.4	25,197	(NA)	(NA)	436	(NA)	(NA)	2,959	1,410	47.1
1965	28,100	4,379	15.6	24,829	(NA)	(NA)	398	(NA)	(NA)	2,873	1,499	52.2
1964	28,277	4,771	16.9	25,017	(NA)	(NA)	367	(NA)	(NA)	2,893	1,439	49.7
1963	28,317	4,991	17.6	25,084	(NA)	(NA)	400	(NA)	(NA)	2,833	1,578	55.7
1962	28,174	5,460	19.4	24,990	(NA)	(NA)	483	(NA)	(NA)	2,701	1,613	59.7
1961	27,600	5,500	19.9	24,509	(NA)	(NA)	404	(NA)	(NA)	2,687	1,505	56.0
1960	27,102	5,328	19.7	24,164	(NA)	(NA)	319	(NA)	(NA)	2,619	1,476	56.3
1959	26,992	5,443	20.3	24,099	(NA)	(NA)	349	(NA)	(NA)	2,544	1,525	59.9
WHITE												
With and Without Children Under 18 Years												
1998	60,077	4,829	8.0	48,461	2,400	5.0	3,087	306	9.9	8,529	2,123	24.9
1997	59,515	4,990	8.4	48,070	2,312	4.8	3,137	373	11.9	8,308	2,305	27.7
1996	58,934	5,059	8.6	47,650	2,416	5.1	2,945	367	12.5	8,339	2,276	27.3
1995	58,872	4,994	8.5	47,877	2,443	5.1	2,711	351	12.9	8,284	2,200	26.6
1994	58,444	5,312	9.1	47,905	2,629	5.5	2,508	354	14.1	8,031	2,329	29.0
1993	57,881	5,452	9.4	47,452	2,757	5.8	2,298	319	13.9	8,131	2,376	29.2
1992 ^r	57,669	5,255	9.1	47,383	2,677	5.7	2,418	333	13.8	7,868	2,245	28.5
1991 ^r	57,225	5,022	8.8	47,124	2,573	5.5	2,374	257	10.8	7,727	2,192	28.4
1990	56,803	4,622	8.1	47,014	2,386	5.1	2,277	226	9.9	7,512	2,010	26.8
1989	56,590	4,409	7.8	46,981	2,329	5.0	2,303	223	9.7	7,306	1,858	25.4

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	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE												
With and Without Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1988 ^r	56,492	4,471	7.9	46,877	2,294	4.9	2,274	231	10.2	7,342	1,945	26.5
1987 ^r	56,086	4,567	8.1	46,510	2,382	5.1	2,279	224	9.8	7,297	1,961	26.9
1986	55,676	4,811	8.6	46,410	2,591	5.6	2,038	179	8.8	7,227	2,041	28.2
1985	54,991	4,983	9.1	45,924	2,815	6.1	1,956	218	11.2	7,111	1,950	27.4
1984	54,400	4,925	9.1	45,643	2,858	6.3	1,816	189	10.4	6,941	1,878	27.1
1983	53,890	5,220	9.7	45,470	3,125	6.9	1,624	168	10.4	6,796	1,926	28.3
1982	53,407	5,118	9.6	45,252	3,104	6.9	1,648	201	12.2	6,507	1,813	27.9
1981	53,269	4,670	8.8	45,007	2,712	6.0	1,642	145	8.8	6,620	1,814	27.4
1980	52,710	4,195	8.0	44,860	2,437	5.4	1,584	149	9.4	6,266	1,609	25.7
1979	52,243	3,581	6.9	44,751	2,099	4.7	1,441	132	9.2	6,052	1,350	22.3
1978	50,910	3,523	6.9	43,636	2,033	4.7	1,356	99	7.3	5,918	1,391	23.5
1977	50,530	3,540	7.0	43,423	2,028	4.7	1,279	112	8.8	5,828	1,400	24.0
1976	50,083	3,560	7.1	43,397	2,071	4.8	1,219	110	9.0	5,467	1,379	25.2
1975	49,873	3,838	7.7	43,311	2,363	5.5	1,182	81	6.9	5,380	1,394	25.9
1974	49,440	3,352	6.8	43,049	1,977	4.6	1,182	86	7.3	5,208	1,289	24.8
1973	48,919	3,219	6.6	43,805	2,306	5.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	4,853	1,190	24.5
1972	48,477	3,441	7.1	42,585	(NA)	(NA)	1,220	(NA)	(NA)	4,672	1,135	24.3
1971	47,641	3,751	7.9	42,039	(NA)	(NA)	1,113	(NA)	(NA)	4,489	1,191	26.5
1970	46,601	3,708	8.0	41,092	(NA)	(NA)	1,101	(NA)	(NA)	4,408	1,102	25.0
1969	46,261	3,574	7.7	40,802	(NA)	(NA)	1,294	(NA)	(NA)	4,165	1,069	25.7
1968	45,437	3,616	8.0	40,355	(NA)	(NA)	1,029	(NA)	(NA)	4,053	1,021	25.2
1967	44,813	4,056	9.1	39,821	(NA)	(NA)	984	(NA)	(NA)	4,008	1,037	25.9
1966	44,016	4,106	9.3	39,007	(NA)	(NA)	999	(NA)	(NA)	4,010	1,036	25.7
1965	43,496	4,824	11.1	38,632	(NA)	(NA)	1,004	(NA)	(NA)	3,860	1,196	31.0
1964	43,081	5,258	12.2	38,171	(NA)	(NA)	1,028	(NA)	(NA)	3,882	1,125	29.0
1963	42,663	5,466	12.8	37,799	(NA)	(NA)	1,067	(NA)	(NA)	3,797	1,191	31.4
1962	42,437	5,887	13.9	37,657	(NA)	(NA)	1,153	(NA)	(NA)	3,627	1,230	33.9
1961	41,888	6,205	14.8	37,185	(NA)	(NA)	1,095	(NA)	(NA)	3,608	1,208	33.5
1960	41,104	6,115	14.9	36,400	(NA)	(NA)	1,031	(NA)	(NA)	3,673	1,252	34.0
1959	40,820	6,185	15.2	36,217	(NA)	(NA)	1,056	(NA)	(NA)	3,547	1,233	34.8
With Children Under 18 Years												
1998	29,984	3,665	12.2	22,634	1,503	6.6	1,659	236	14.2	5,691	1,926	33.8
1997	30,060	3,895	13.0	22,783	1,516	6.7	1,775	310	17.5	5,502	2,069	37.6
1996	29,826	3,863	13.0	22,757	1,548	6.8	1,568	283	18.0	5,501	2,032	36.9
1995	29,713	3,839	12.9	22,663	1,583	7.0	1,496	276	18.4	5,554	1,980	35.6
1994	29,548	4,025	13.6	22,839	1,708	7.5	1,319	253	19.2	5,390	2,064	38.3
1993	29,234	4,226	14.5	22,670	1,868	8.2	1,203	235	19.5	5,361	2,123	39.6
1992 ^r	28,790	4,020	14.0	22,440	1,753	7.8	1,251	246	19.7	5,099	2,021	39.6
1991 ^r	28,369	3,880	13.7	22,213	1,715	7.7	1,187	197	16.5	4,968	1,969	39.6
1990	28,117	3,553	12.6	22,289	1,572	7.1	1,042	167	16.0	4,786	1,814	37.9
1989	27,977	3,290	11.8	22,271	1,457	6.5	1,079	162	15.0	4,627	1,671	36.1
1988 ^r	27,999	3,321	11.9	22,435	1,434	6.4	1,011	147	14.5	4,553	1,740	38.2
1987 ^r	27,930	3,433	12.3	22,336	1,538	6.9	1,046	153	14.6	4,548	1,742	38.3
1986	27,929	3,637	13.0	22,466	1,692	7.5	911	132	14.5	4,552	1,812	39.8
1985	27,795	3,695	13.3	22,399	1,827	8.2	926	138	14.9	4,470	1,730	38.7
1984	27,380	3,679	13.4	22,181	1,879	8.5	862	117	13.6	4,337	1,682	38.8

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	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE—Con.												
With Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1983	27,303	3,859	14.1	22,361	2,060	9.2	732	123	16.8	4,210	1,676	39.8
1982	27,118	3,709	13.7	22,390	2,005	9.0	692	120	17.4	4,037	1,584	39.3
1981	27,223	3,362	12.4	22,334	1,723	7.7	652	75	11.6	4,237	1,564	36.9
1980	27,416	3,078	11.2	22,793	1,544	6.8	628	100	16.0	3,995	1,433	35.9
1979	27,329	2,509	9.2	22,878	1,216	5.3	584	82	14.1	3,866	1,211	31.3
1978	26,907	2,513	9.3	22,601	1,185	5.2	526	60	11.4	3,780	1,268	33.5
1977	26,924	2,572	9.6	22,703	1,256	5.5	486	55	11.3	3,735	1,261	33.8
1976	26,812	2,566	9.6	22,872	1,242	5.4	484	64	13.2	3,456	1,260	36.4
1975	26,975	2,776	10.3	23,134	1,456	6.3	435	48	11.0	3,406	1,272	37.3
1974	26,890	2,430	9.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	3,244	1,180	36.4
1973	26,694	2,177	8.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,988	1,053	35.2
1972	26,763	2,238	8.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,748	970	35.3
1971	26,745	2,372	8.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	2,664	982	36.9
1970	26,256	2,219	8.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969	26,307	2,089	7.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968	25,803	2,176	8.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	792	36.0
1967	25,531	2,276	8.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	748	34.9
1966	(NA)	2,400	9.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	803	38.4
1965	(NA)	2,858	11.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	867	43.2
1964	(NA)	3,205	12.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	814	40.3
1963	25,056	3,328	13.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	882	45.0
1962	(NA)	3,673	14.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	908	49.2
1961	(NA)	3,785	15.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	892	46.4
1960	(NA)	3,690	15.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	905	47.1
1959	24,146	3,812	15.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	948	51.7
WHITE, NOT HISPANIC												
With and Without Children Under 18 Years												
1998	53,107	3,264	6.1	43,669	1,639	3.8	2,530	197	7.8	6,909	1,428	20.7
1997	52,875	3,357	6.3	43,427	1,501	3.5	2,622	258	9.8	6,826	1,598	23.4
1996	52,625	3,433	6.5	43,276	1,628	3.8	2,475	267	10.8	6,875	1,538	22.4
1995	52,861	3,384	6.4	43,771	1,664	3.8	2,298	257	11.2	6,792	1,463	21.5
1994	53,029	3,833	7.2	44,178	1,915	4.3	2,087	241	11.5	6,764	1,678	24.8
1993	52,470	3,988	7.6	43,745	2,042	4.7	1,927	248	12.9	6,798	1,699	25.0
1992 ^r	52,302	3,840	7.3	43,661	1,978	4.5	2,011	225	11.2	6,629	1,637	24.7
1991 ^r	52,288	3,719	7.1	43,724	1,918	4.4	2,011	190	9.4	6,553	1,610	24.6
1990	52,038	3,442	6.6	43,682	1,799	4.1	1,948	163	8.4	6,408	1,480	23.1
1989	51,995	3,325	6.4	43,710	1,798	4.1	1,990	172	8.6	6,255	1,355	21.7
1988 ^r	51,850	3,373	6.5	43,591	1,763	4.0	1,972	184	9.3	6,287	1,426	22.7
1987 ^r	51,702	3,466	6.7	43,422	1,847	4.3	1,993	177	8.9	6,287	1,443	23.0
1986	51,426	3,768	7.3	43,370	2,081	4.8	1,801	144	8.0	6,255	1,542	24.7
1985	50,912	3,948	7.8	43,036	2,316	5.4	1,696	172	10.1	6,180	1,460	23.6
1984	50,563	3,972	7.9	42,872	2,400	5.6	1,610	150	9.3	6,081	1,422	23.4
1983	50,208	4,286	8.5	42,768	2,649	6.2	1,458	135	9.3	5,982	1,501	25.1
1982	50,123	4,237	8.5	42,847	2,648	6.2	1,497	176	11.8	5,778	1,413	24.5
1981	50,066	3,907	7.8	42,653	2,353	5.5	1,503	119	7.9	5,910	1,436	24.3
1980	49,584	3,470	7.0	42,564	2,083	4.9	1,427	123	8.6	5,593	1,264	22.6
1979	49,309	2,989	6.1	42,527	1,810	4.3	1,309	117	8.9	5,473	1,062	19.4

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	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
WHITE, NOT HISPANIC—Con.												
With and Without Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1978	48,032	2,908	6.1	41,574	1,790	4.3	1,221	71	5.8	5,236	1,047	20.0
1977	47,661	2,889	6.1	41,338	1,750	4.2	1,167	100	8.6	5,156	1,039	20.2
1976	47,399	2,916	6.2	41,437	1,759	4.2	1,112	97	8.7	4,849	1,059	21.8
1975	47,328	3,182	6.7	41,447	2,036	4.9	1,095	67	6.1	4,786	1,079	22.5
1974	46,918	2,771	5.9	41,155	1,700	4.1	1,087	66	6.1	4,676	1,005	21.5
With Children Under 18 Years												
1998												
1997	25,374	2,478	9.8	19,588	842	4.3	1,466	215	14.7	4,320	1,420	32.9
1996	25,381	2,424	9.6	19,729	884	4.5	1,295	190	14.7	4,357	1,351	31.0
1995	25,497	2,445	9.6	19,866	948	4.8	1,270	202	15.9	4,361	1,294	29.7
1994	25,734	2,733	10.6	20,276	1,101	5.4	1,072	161	15.0	4,386	1,471	33.5
1993	25,477	2,946	11.6	20,166	1,263	6.3	981	177	18.0	4,330	1,506	34.8
1992 ^r	25,090	2,817	11.2	19,905	1,177	5.9	1,034	166	16.1	4,150	1,474	35.5
1991 ^r	24,909	2,722	10.9	19,845	1,152	5.8	997	141	14.1	4,067	1,429	35.1
1990	24,764	2,522	10.2	19,957	1,085	5.4	878	119	13.6	3,929	1,317	33.5
1989	24,807	2,348	9.5	20,050	1,019	5.1	929	123	13.2	3,829	1,205	31.5
1988 ^r	24,804	2,366	9.5	20,171	998	4.9	889	114	12.8	3,743	1,255	33.5
1987 ^r	24,858	2,468	9.9	20,209	1,093	5.4	909	118	13.0	3,739	1,256	33.6
1986	24,946	2,725	10.9	20,383	1,269	6.2	791	106	13.4	3,772	1,350	35.8
1985	24,916	2,776	11.1	20,385	1,406	6.9	794	104	13.1	3,737	1,266	33.9
1984	24,666	2,838	11.5	20,241	1,489	7.4	763	91	11.9	3,662	1,259	34.4
1983	24,689	3,034	12.3	20,457	1,651	8.1	645	97	15.0	3,588	1,286	35.8
1982	24,726	2,939	11.9	20,653	1,619	7.8	618	105	17.0	3,454	1,215	35.2
1981	24,875	2,698	10.8	20,635	1,424	6.9	589	62	10.5	3,651	1,211	33.2
1980	25,096	2,083	8.3	21,117	1,251	5.9	550	84	15.3	3,429	1,110	32.4
1979	25,187	1,987	7.9	21,272	980	4.6	526	72	13.7	3,389	935	27.6
1978	24,784	1,976	8.0	21,123	991	4.7	463	41	8.9	3,198	944	29.5
1977	24,786	1,995	8.0	21,189	1,033	4.9	435	47	10.8	3,162	915	28.9
1976	24,846	2,007	8.1	21,468	994	4.6	441	54	12.2	2,938	958	32.6
1975	25,048	2,194	8.8	21,751	1,186	5.5	392	35	8.9	2,904	974	33.5
1974	25,014	1,914	7.7	21,835	970	4.4	383	36	9.4	2,796	908	32.5
BLACK												
With and Without Childen Under 18 Years												
1998	8,452	1,981	23.4	3,979	290	7.3	660	134	20.3	3,813	1,557	40.8
1997	8,408	1,985	23.6	3,921	312	8.0	561	110	19.6	3,926	1,563	39.8
1996	8,455	2,206	26.1	3,851	352	9.1	657	130	19.8	3,947	1,724	43.7
1995	8,055	2,127	26.4	3,713	314	8.5	573	112	19.5	3,769	1,701	45.1
1994	8,093	2,212	27.3	3,842	336	8.7	535	161	30.1	3,716	1,715	46.2
1993	7,993	2,499	31.3	3,715	458	12.3	450	133	29.6	3,828	1,908	49.9
1992 ^r	7,982	2,484	31.1	3,777	490	13.0	467	116	24.8	3,738	1,878	50.2
1991 ^r	7,716	2,343	30.4	3,631	399	11.0	504	109	21.9	3,582	1,834	51.2
1990	7,471	2,193	29.3	3,569	448	12.6	472	97	20.6	3,430	1,648	48.1
1989	7,470	2,077	27.8	3,750	443	11.8	446	110	24.7	3,275	1,524	46.5

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	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
BLACK—Con.												
With and Without Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1988 ^r	7,409	2,089	28.2	3,722	421	11.3	464	88	18.9	3,223	1,579	49.0
1987 ^r	7,202	2,117	29.4	3,681	439	11.9	432	101	23.4	3,089	1,577	51.1
1986	7,096	1,987	28.0	3,742	403	10.8	386	96	24.9	2,967	1,488	50.1
1985	6,921	1,983	28.7	3,680	447	12.2	368	84	22.9	2,874	1,452	50.5
1984	6,778	2,094	30.9	3,469	479	13.8	344	82	23.8	2,964	1,533	51.7
1983	6,681	2,161	32.3	3,454	535	15.5	355	85	24.0	2,871	1,541	53.7
1982	6,530	2,158	33.0	3,486	543	15.6	309	79	25.6	2,734	1,535	56.2
1981	6,413	1,972	30.8	3,535	543	15.4	273	52	19.1	2,605	1,377	52.9
1980	6,317	1,826	28.9	3,392	474	14.0	291	52	17.7	2,634	1,301	49.4
1979	6,184	1,722	27.8	3,433	453	13.2	256	35	13.7	2,495	1,234	49.4
1978	5,906	1,622	27.5	3,244	366	11.3	272	48	17.6	2,390	1,208	50.6
1977	5,806	1,637	28.2	3,260	429	13.1	269	46	17.1	2,277	1,162	51.0
1976	5,804	1,617	27.9	3,406	450	13.2	247	45	18.2	2,151	1,122	52.2
1975	5,586	1,513	27.1	3,352	479	14.3	230	30	13.0	2,004	1,004	50.1
1974	5,491	1,479	26.9	3,357	435	13.0	200	35	17.4	1,934	1,010	52.2
1973	5,440	1,527	28.1	3,360	(NA)	(NA)	231	(NA)	(NA)	1,849	974	52.7
1972	5,265	1,529	29.0	3,233	(NA)	(NA)	210	(NA)	(NA)	1,822	972	53.3
1971	5,157	1,484	28.8	3,289	(NA)	(NA)	226	(NA)	(NA)	1,642	879	53.5
1970	5,027	1,481	29.5	3,301	(NA)	(NA)	191	(NA)	(NA)	1,535	834	54.3
1969	4,887	1,365	27.9	3,323	(NA)	(NA)	180	(NA)	(NA)	1,384	737	53.3
1968	4,646	1,366	29.4	3,141	(NA)	(NA)	178	(NA)	(NA)	1,327	706	53.2
1967	4,589	1,555	33.9	3,118	(NA)	(NA)	199	(NA)	(NA)	1,272	716	56.3
With Children Under 18 Years												
1998	5,491	1,673	30.5	2,198	189	8.6	353	87	24.6	2,940	1,397	47.5
1997	5,647	1,721	30.5	2,275	205	9.0	312	80	25.6	3,060	1,436	46.9
1996	5,695	1,941	34.1	2,174	239	11.0	401	109	27.2	3,120	1,593	51.0
1995	5,340	1,821	34.1	2,119	209	9.9	337	79	23.4	2,884	1,533	53.2
1994	5,439	1,954	35.9	2,147	245	11.4	341	118	34.6	2,951	1,591	53.9
1993	5,525	2,171	39.3	2,147	298	13.9	294	93	31.6	3,084	1,780	57.7
1992 ^r	5,448	2,132	39.1	2,229	343	15.4	248	83	33.5	2,971	1,706	57.4
1991 ^r	5,143	2,016	39.2	2,129	263	12.4	243	77	31.7	2,771	1,676	60.5
1990	5,069	1,887	37.2	2,104	301	14.3	267	73	27.3	2,698	1,513	56.1
1989	5,031	1,783	35.4	2,179	291	13.3	228	77	33.8	2,624	1,415	53.9
1988 ^r	5,010	1,802	36.0	2,181	272	12.5	246	78	31.7	2,583	1,452	56.2
1987 ^r	4,880	1,788	36.6	2,205	290	13.2	222	61	27.5	2,453	1,437	58.6
1986	4,806	1,699	35.4	2,236	257	11.5	185	58	31.5	2,386	1,384	58.0
1985	4,636	1,670	36.0	2,185	281	12.9	182	53	29.0	2,269	1,336	58.9
1984	4,512	1,758	39.0	2,001	331	16.6	175	62	35.5	2,335	1,364	58.4
1983	4,482	1,789	39.9	2,052	369	18.0	186	58	31.1	2,244	1,362	60.7
1982	4,470	1,819	40.7	2,093	360	17.2	178	58	32.7	2,199	1,401	63.7
1981	4,455	1,652	37.1	2,202	357	16.2	135	34	25.0	2,118	1,261	59.5
1980	4,465	1,583	35.5	2,154	333	15.5	140	34	24.0	2,171	1,217	56.0
1979	4,297	1,441	33.5	2,095	286	13.7	139	26	18.4	2,063	1,129	54.7
1978	4,159	1,431	34.4	2,056	247	12.0	157	40	25.5	1,946	1,144	58.4
1977	4,107	1,406	34.2	2,088	295	14.1	141	30	21.3	1,878	1,081	57.5
1976	4,047	1,382	34.2	2,146	311	14.5	120	28	23.3	1,781	1,043	58.6
1975	3,878	1,314	33.9	2,119	349	16.5	108	16	14.8	1,651	949	57.5
1974	3,915	1,293	33.0	2,187	317	14.5	105	27	26.2	1,623	949	58.5

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[Numbers in thousands. Families as of March of the following year]

Year and characteristic	All families			Married-couple families			Male householder, no wife present			Female householder, no husband present		
	Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level		Total	Below poverty level	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
BLACK—Con.												
With Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1973	3,831	1,280	33.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,538	905	58.8
1972	3,650	1,303	35.7	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,494	912	61.0
1971	3,660	1,261	34.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,369	821	60.0
1970	3,470	1,212	34.9	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1969	3,386	1,095	32.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1968	3,218	1,114	34.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1967	3,200	1,261	39.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹												
With and Without Children Under 18 Years												
1998	7,273	1,648	22.7	4,945	775	15.7	600	117	19.6	1,728	756	43.7
1997	6,961	1,721	24.7	4,804	836	17.4	545	118	21.7	1,612	767	47.6
1996	6,631	1,748	26.4	4,520	815	18.0	494	110	22.3	1,617	823	50.9
1995	6,287	1,695	27.0	4,247	803	18.9	436	100	22.9	1,604	792	49.4
1994	6,202	1,724	27.8	4,236	827	19.5	481	124	25.8	1,485	773	52.1
1993	5,946	1,625	27.3	4,038	770	19.1	410	83	20.2	1,498	772	51.6
1992 ^r	5,733	1,529	26.7	3,940	743	18.8	445	122	27.4	1,348	664	49.3
1991 ^r	5,177	1,372	26.5	3,532	674	19.1	384	71	18.5	1,261	627	49.7
1990	4,981	1,244	25.0	3,454	605	17.5	341	66	19.4	1,186	573	48.3
1989	4,840	1,133	23.4	3,395	549	16.2	329	54	16.3	1,116	530	47.5
1988 ^r	4,823	1,141	23.7	3,398	547	16.1	314	48	15.2	1,112	546	49.1
1987 ^r	4,576	1,168	25.5	3,196	556	17.4	298	47	15.8	1,082	565	52.2
1986	4,403	1,085	24.7	3,118	518	16.6	253	39	15.5	1,032	528	51.2
1985	4,206	1,074	25.5	2,962	505	17.0	264	48	18.4	980	521	53.1
1984	3,939	991	25.2	2,824	469	16.6	210	39	18.4	905	483	53.4
1983	3,788	981	25.9	2,752	437	17.7	177	40	22.6	860	454	52.8
1982	3,369	916	27.2	2,448	465	19.0	153	26	17.0	767	425	55.4
1981	3,305	792	24.0	2,414	366	15.1	142	27	19.2	750	399	53.2
1980	3,235	751	23.2	2,365	363	15.3	164	26	16.0	706	362	51.3
1979	3,029	614	20.3	2,282	298	13.1	138	16	11.8	610	300	49.2
1978	2,741	559	20.4	2,089	248	11.9	110	23	20.9	542	288	53.1
1977	2,764	591	21.4	2,104	280	13.3	99	10	10.1	561	301	53.6
1976	2,583	598	23.1	1,978	312	15.8	88	11	12.5	517	275	53.1
1975	2,499	627	25.1	1,896	335	17.7	81	13	16.0	522	279	53.6
1974	2,475	526	21.2	1,926	278	14.4	87	19	21.6	462	229	49.6
1973	2,365	468	19.8	1,876	239	12.7	78	18	23.1	411	211	51.4
1972	2,312	477	20.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
With Children Under 18 Years												
1998	5,078	1,454	28.6	3,398	656	19.3	325	91	28.0	1,355	707	52.2
1997	4,910	1,492	30.4	3,293	692	21.0	325	99	30.5	1,292	701	54.2
1996	4,689	1,549	33.0	3,124	687	22.0	291	102	35.1	1,274	760	59.7
1995	4,422	1,470	33.2	2,902	657	22.6	237	78	32.9	1,283	735	57.3
1994	4,377	1,497	34.2	2,923	698	23.9	272	99	36.4	1,182	700	59.2
1993	4,153	1,424	34.3	2,747	652	23.7	239	66	27.6	1,167	706	60.5
1992 ^r	3,962	1,302	32.9	2,692	615	22.9	233	89	38.2	1,037	598	57.7
1991 ^r	3,621	1,219	33.7	2,445	575	23.5	204	60	29.4	972	584	60.1
1990	3,497	1,085	31.0	2,405	501	20.8	171	48	28.1	921	536	58.2
1989	3,314	986	29.8	2,309	453	19.6	157	42	26.8	848	491	57.9

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		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
HISPANIC ORIGIN¹—Con												
With Children Under 18 Years—Con.												
1988 ^r	3,325	988	29.7	2,339	445	19.0	125	33	26.4	861	510	59.2
1987 ^r	3,201	1,022	31.9	2,197	460	20.9	139	35	25.2	865	527	60.9
1986.....	3,080	949	30.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	822	489	59.5
1985.....	2,973	955	32.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	771	493	64.0
1984.....	2,789	872	31.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	711	447	62.8
1983.....	2,697	867	21.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	660	418	63.4
1982.....	2,458	802	32.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	613	391	63.8
1981.....	2,428	692	28.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	622	374	60.0
1980.....	2,409	655	27.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1979.....	2,209	544	24.6	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	502	288	57.3
1978.....	2,002	483	24.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1977.....	2,057	520	25.3	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1976.....	1,899	517	27.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1975.....	1,891	550	29.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1974.....	1,834	462	25.2	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1973.....	1,726	410	23.8	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
1972.....	1,700	416	24.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

^rFor 1992, figures are based on 1990 census population controls. For 1991, figures are revised to correct for nine omitted weights from the original March 1992 CPS file. For 1988 and 1987, figures are based on new processing procedures and are also revised to reflect corrections to the files after publication of the 1988 advance report, *Money Income and Poverty Status in the United States: 1988*, P-60, No. 166.

(NA) Not available.

¹People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

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Appendix C.

Source and Accuracy of Estimates

SOURCES OF DATA

Most estimates in this report come from data obtained in March of years 1968 through 1999 in the Current Population Survey (CPS). The U.S. Census Bureau conducts the survey every month, although this report uses only March data for its estimates. The March survey uses two sets of questions, the basic CPS and the supplement.

The Census Bureau used data from various sources in developing alternative measures of income and poverty for 1998. Specifically, we combined data from the American Housing Survey (AHS), the Income Survey Development Program (ISDP), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with CPS data to create simulations of taxes paid, number of tax filing units, adjusted gross income, and other tax characteristics for the March 1999 CPS.

In addition, this report uses the *State Tax Handbook* from Commerce Clearing House as information sources for tax data. For noncash valuation estimates, this report uses data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (UDSA), the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

A description of the sources of data we used to derive these estimates follows. Except for the CPS, these descriptions are brief. See Current Population Reports, Series P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*, and publications on the appropriate surveys for more details.

American Housing Survey. The Census Bureau collects housing data for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The population covered by the sample for the AHS (called the Annual Housing Survey before 1984) includes all housing units in the United States. For a more detailed description of the sample design, see the report Current Housing Reports, Series H150-89, *The American Housing Survey for the United States in 1989*, U.S. Department of Commerce.

The AHS is no longer conducted in even numbered years, so we based the property tax estimates in this report on the 1995 AHS. Also, for the noncash estimates, we used the 1985 AHS data in a model to estimate the value of public housing. For more details on the AHS model used to estimate public and subsidized

housing values, please see Appendix B of Current Population Reports, Series P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*.

Income Survey Development Program. The ISDP was the research and development phase for the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). The Census Bureau used the ISDP to examine and resolve design, operational, and technical issues for SIPP. The household sample for the 1979 ISDP was a nationwide multiple frame sample. The majority of sample households in the ISDP came from addresses contacted in the 1976 Survey of Income and Education.

Statisticians selected the remainder of sample households from a reserve file of sample cases maintained by the Census Bureau. For a more detailed description of this sample design, see the report *Wage and Salary Data From the Income Survey Development Program: 1979 (Preliminary Data From Interview Period One)*, Current Population Reports, Special Studies, Series P-23, No. 118.

Internal Revenue Service data. Much of the IRS data in this report come from the Statistics of Income (SOI) series, in particular the SOI Bulletin *Individual Income Tax Returns, Preliminary Data: 1997*, Spring 1999. This report, based on a sample drawn from all tax returns filed in 1998, presents information on taxpayers' incomes, exemptions, deductions, credits, and taxes.

Data from other sources. The *State Tax Handbook*, October 1, 1991, from the Commerce Clearing House, includes information on state tax systems. We updated this data to reflect changes in state income tax rates.

Much of the data on cash and noncash benefits are from administrative records. Values of school lunches and food stamps are from USDA unpublished data. Medicaid and Medicare data come from HCFA unpublished records. Also, USDA and HUD data are used to compute Medicaid and Medicare values. For more details, see Appendix B of Current Population Reports, Series P60-186RD, *Measuring the Effect of Benefits and Taxes on Income and Poverty: 1992*.

Basic CPS. The basic CPS collects primarily labor force data about the civilian noninstitutional population. Field representatives ask questions concerning labor force participation about each member 15 years old and over in every sample household.

The CPS sample includes coverage in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Census Bureau continually updates the sample to account for new residential construction. The Census Bureau divides the United States into 2,007 geographic areas. In most states, a geographic area consists of a county or several contiguous counties. In some areas of New England and Hawaii, the Census Bureau uses minor civil divisions instead of counties. We select a total of 754 geographic areas for sample. About 50,000 occupied households are eligible for interview every month. Field representatives are unable to obtain interviews at about 3,200 of these units. This occurs when the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason.

Since the introduction of the CPS, the Census Bureau has redesigned the CPS sample several times. These redesigns have improved the quality and accuracy of the data and have satisfied changing data needs. The Census Bureau completely implemented the most recent changes in July 1995.

Table C-1 summarizes changes in the CPS designs for the years in which data appear in this report.

Table C-1. Description of the March Current Population Survey

Time period	Number of sample areas	Housing units eligible ¹	
		Interviewed	Not interviewed
1996 to 1999	754	46,800	3,200
1995	792	56,700	3,300
1990 to 1994	729	57,400	2,600
1989	729	53,600	2,500
1988	729	53,200	2,600
1986 to 1987	729	57,000	2,500
1985	² 629/729	57,000	2,500
1982 to 1984	629	59,000	2,500
1980 to 1981	629	65,500	3,000
1977 to 1979	614	55,000	3,000
1973 to 1976	461	46,500	2,500
1972	449	45,000	2,000
1967 to 1971	449	48,000	2,000
1963 to 1966	357	33,500	1,500
1960 to 1962	333	33,500	1,500

¹Excludes about 2,500 Hispanic households added from the previous November sample. (See "CPS March Supplement".)

²The Census Bureau redesigned the CPS following the 1980 Decennial Census of Population and Housing. During phase-in of the new design, housing units from the new and old designs were in sample.

CPS March supplement. In addition to the basic CPS questions, field representatives asked supplementary questions in March about place of residence one year ago.

To obtain more reliable data for the Hispanic population, the Census Bureau increased the March CPS sample by about 2,500 eligible housing units, interviewed the previous November, that contained at least

one sample person of Hispanic origin.¹ In addition, the sample included people in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post.

CPS estimation procedure. This survey's estimation procedure adjusts weighted sample results to independent estimates of the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, sex, race, Hispanic/non-Hispanic origin, and state of residence. The independent estimates are based on:

- The 1990 Decennial Census of Population and Housing.
- An adjustment for undercoverage in the 1990 census.
- Statistics on births, deaths, immigration, and emigration.
- Statistics on the size of the armed forces.

The independent population estimates used for 1994 and later are based on updates to controls established by the 1990 decennial census. Data previous to 1994 are based on independent population estimates from the latest available decennial census data. For more details on the change in independent estimates, see the section entitled "Introduction of 1990 Census Population Controls" in an earlier report (Series P-60, No. 188). The estimation procedure for the March supplement included a further adjustment so the husband and wife of a household received the same weight.

The estimates in this report for 1983 (from March 1984 CPS) and later also employ a revised survey weighting procedure for people of Hispanic origin. In previous years, we inflated weighted sample results to independent estimates of the noninstitutional population by age, sex, and race. There was no specific control of the survey estimates for the Hispanic population. Since then, the Census Bureau developed independent population controls for the Hispanic population by sex and detailed age groups. Revised weighting procedures incorporate these new controls. The independent population estimates include some, but not all, undocumented immigrants.

ACCURACY OF THE ESTIMATES

Since the CPS estimates come from a sample, they may differ from figures from a complete census using the same questionnaires, instructions, and enumerators. A sample survey estimate has two possible types of error: sampling and nonsampling. The accuracy of an estimate depends on both types of error, but the full

¹This report shows information on the Hispanic population collected in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and therefore, does not include residents of Puerto Rico. Hispanics may be of any race.

extent of the nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, one should be particularly careful when interpreting results based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates. The standard errors for CPS estimates primarily indicate the magnitude of sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors in responses and enumeration, but do not measure systematic biases in the data. (Bias is the average over all possible samples of the differences between the sample estimates and the desired value.)

Nonsampling variability. We can attribute nonsampling errors to several sources including the following:

- Inability to obtain information about all cases in the sample.
- Definitional difficulties.
- Differences in the interpretation of questions.
- Respondents' inability or unwillingness to provide correct information.
- Respondents' inability to recall information.
- Errors made in data collection such as recording and coding the data.
- Errors made in processing the data.
- Errors made in estimating values for missing data.
- Failure to represent all units with the sample (undercoverage).

CPS undercoverage results from missed housing units and missed people within sample households. Compared with the level of the 1990 decennial census, overall CPS undercoverage is about 8 percent. Undercoverage varies with age, sex, and race. Generally, undercoverage is larger for males than for females and larger for Blacks and other races combined than for Whites. As described previously, ratio estimation to independent age-sex-race-Hispanic population controls partially corrects for bias due to undercoverage. However, biases exist in the estimates to the extent that

missed people in missed households or missed people in interviewed households have different characteristics from those of interviewed people in the same age-sex-race-Hispanic origin group.

A common measure of survey coverage is the coverage ratio, the estimated population before post-stratification divided by the independent population control. Table C-2 shows CPS coverage ratios for age-sex-race groups for a typical month. The CPS coverage ratios can exhibit some variability from month to month, but these are a typical set of coverage ratios.

Answers to questions about money income often depend on the memory of one person in the household. Recall problems can cause underestimates of income in survey data, because it is easy to forget minor or irregular sources of income. Respondents may also misunderstand what the Census Bureau considers money income or may simply be unwilling to answer these questions correctly because the questions are considered too personal. See Appendix C, *Current Population Reports, Series P60-184, Money Income of Households, Families, and Persons in the United States: 1992* for more details.

For additional information on nonsampling error including the possible impact on CPS data when known, refer to Statistical Policy Working Paper 3, *An Error Profile: Employment as Measured by the Current Population Survey*, Office of Federal Statistical Policy and Standards, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1978 and Technical Paper 40, *The Current Population Survey: Design and Methodology*, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Comparability of data. Data obtained from the CPS and other sources are not entirely comparable. This results from differences in field representative training and experience and in differing survey processes. This is an example of nonsampling variability not reflected in the standard errors. Use caution when comparing results from different sources.

Table C-2. March CPS Coverage Ratios

Age	Non-Black		Black		All people		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Total
0 to 14 years	0.942	0.951	0.880	0.904	0.932	0.943	0.937
15 to 19 years	0.864	0.910	0.885	0.751	0.867	0.884	0.876
20 to 24 years	0.823	0.877	0.707	0.757	0.808	0.859	0.834
25 to 29 years	0.863	0.919	0.755	0.810	0.850	0.903	0.877
30 to 34 years	0.880	0.950	0.671	0.833	0.855	0.934	0.895
35 to 44 years	0.899	0.940	0.684	0.863	0.875	0.930	0.903
45 to 54 years	0.938	0.961	0.778	0.953	0.923	0.960	0.942
55 to 64 years	0.932	0.953	0.834	0.929	0.923	0.951	0.938
65 to 74 years	0.932	0.977	0.939	0.958	0.932	0.975	0.956
75 years and older	1.019	1.008	0.910	0.961	1.011	1.004	1.007
15 years and older	0.902	0.945	0.767	0.858	0.887	0.934	0.912
0 years and older	0.911	0.946	0.802	0.871	0.898	0.936	0.917

A number of changes were made in data collection and estimation procedures beginning with the January 1994 CPS. The major change was the use of a new questionnaire. The Bureau of Labor Statistics redesigned the questionnaire to measure the official labor-force concepts more precisely, to expand the amount of data available, to implement several definitional changes, and to adapt to a computer-assisted interviewing environment. The Census Bureau modified the March supplemental income questions for adaptation to computer-assisted interviewing, but did not change definitions and concepts. Because of these and other changes, one should use caution when comparing estimates from data collected in 1994 and later years with estimates from earlier years.

Data users should also use caution when comparing estimates in this report (which reflect 1990 census-based population controls) with estimates from the March 1993 CPS and earlier years (which reflect 1980 census-based population controls). This change in population controls had relatively little impact on summary measures such as averages, medians, and percent distributions. It did have a significant impact on levels. For example, 1990-based population controls caused a 1-percent increase in the civilian noninstitutional population and in the number of families and households. Thus, estimates of levels for data collected in 1994 and later years will differ from those for earlier years by more than what could be attributed to actual changes in the population. These differences could be disproportionately greater for certain subpopulation groups than for the total population.

Since the Census Bureau did not use independent population control totals for people of Hispanic origin before 1983, compare Hispanic estimates over time cautiously.

Based on the results of each decennial census, the Census Bureau gradually introduces a new sample design for the CPS. During this phase-in period, the Census Bureau collects CPS data from sample designs based on different censuses. While most CPS estimates have been unaffected by this mixed sample, geographic estimates are subject to greater error and variability. Users should exercise caution when comparing estimates across years for metropolitan/nonmetropolitan categories. For more information, see Appendix C, Current Population Reports, Series P60-193, *Money Income in the United States: 1995 (With Separate Data on Valuation of Noncash Benefits)*.

Note when using small estimates. The Census Bureau shows summary measures (such as medians and percentage distributions) only when the base is 75,000 or greater. Because of the large standard errors involved, summary measures would probably not reveal

useful information when computed on a smaller base. However, we display estimated numbers even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates permit combinations of the categories to suit data users' needs. Take care in the interpretation of small differences. For instance, even a small amount of nonsampling error can cause a borderline difference to appear significant or not, thus distorting a seemingly valid hypothesis test.

Estimation of median incomes. The Census Bureau has changed the methodology for computing median income over the past few years. The Census Bureau has computed medians using either Pareto interpolation or linear interpolation. Currently, we are using linear interpolation to estimate all medians. Pareto interpolation assumes a decreasing density of population within an income interval; whereas, linear interpolation assumes a constant density of population within an income interval. The Census Bureau calculated estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1979 through 1987 using Pareto interpolation if the estimate was larger than \$20,000 for people or \$40,000 for families and households. This is because the width of the income interval containing the estimate is greater than \$2,500.

We calculated estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1976, 1977, and 1978 using Pareto interpolation if the estimate was larger than \$12,000 for people or \$18,000 for families and households. This is because the width of the income interval containing the estimate is greater than \$1,000. We calculated all other estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1976 through 1998 and almost all of the estimates of median income and associated standard errors for 1975 and earlier using linear interpolation.

Thus, use caution when comparing median incomes above \$12,000 for people or \$18,000 for families and households for different years. Median incomes below those levels are more comparable from year to year since they have always been calculated using linear interpolation. For an indication of the comparability of medians calculated using Pareto interpolation with medians calculated using linear interpolation, see Series P-60, No. 114, *Money Income in 1976 of Families and Persons in the United States*.

Sampling variability. Sampling variability is variation that occurred by chance because a sample was surveyed rather than the entire population. Standard errors, as calculated by methods described in **Standard errors and their use**, are primarily measures of sampling variability, but they may include some nonsampling error.

Table C-3. **CPS Standard Error Parameters for Poverty, Income, and Nonincome Characteristics: 1998**

Characteristics	Total or White		Black		Hispanic	
	a	b	a	b	a	b
BELOW POVERTY LEVEL						
Persons						
Total	-0.000038	10,380	-0.000297	10,380	-0.000328	10,380
Male	-0.000079	10,380	-0.000638	10,380	-0.000635	10,380
Female	-0.000075	10,380	-0.000555	10,380	-0.000634	10,380
Age						
Under 15	-0.000133	8,002	-0.000832	8,002	-0.000826	8,002
Under 18	-0.000111	8,002	-0.000697	8,002	-0.000639	8,002
15 and over	-0.000049	10,380	-0.000409	10,380	-0.000473	10,380
15 to 24	-0.000104	3,927	-0.000690	3,927	-0.000480	3,927
25 to 44	-0.000047	3,927	-0.000364	3,927	-0.000272	3,927
45 to 64	-0.000068	3,927	-0.000640	3,927	-0.000285	3,927
65 and over	-0.000121	3,927	-0.001441	3,927	-0.000836	3,927
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals						
Total	+0.000102	2,442	+0.000102	2,442	+0.000102	2,442
ALL INCOME LEVELS						
Persons						
Total	-0.000012	2,454	-0.000111	2,810	-0.000128	2,810
Male	-0.000024	2,454	-0.000247	2,810	-0.000252	2,810
Female	-0.000022	2,454	-0.000201	2,810	-0.000248	2,810
Age						
15 to 24	-0.000065	2,454	-0.000494	2,810	-0.000343	2,810
25 to 44	-0.000030	2,454	-0.000260	2,810	-0.000195	2,810
45 to 64	-0.000042	2,454	-0.000458	2,810	-0.000204	2,810
65 and over	-0.000076	2,454	-0.001031	2,810	-0.000598	2,810
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals						
Total	-0.000013	2,241	-0.000117	2,447	-0.000204	2,447
Households with children under age 18	-0.000013	2,241	-0.000117	2,447	-0.000204	2,447
NONINCOME CHARACTERISTICS						
People						
Employment status	-0.000014	2,985	-0.000127	3,139	-0.000147	3,139
Educational attainment	-0.000011	2,369	-0.000106	2,680	-0.000082	1,811
Total, Marital Status, Other						
Some household members	-0.000019	5,211	-0.000213	7,486	-0.000238	7,486
All household members	-0.000024	6,332	-0.000314	11,039	-0.000350	11,039
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals						
Total	-0.000012	2,068	-0.000076	1,871	-0.000151	1,871

NOTE: To determine parameters prior to 1998, multiply by the appropriate factor in Table C-4. For nonmetropolitan residence categories, multiply the a and b parameters by 1.5. For foreign-born and noncitizen characteristics, multiply the a and b parameters for Total and White by 1.3. No adjustment is necessary for Blacks and Hispanics.

Standard errors and their use. Data users must use a number of approximations to derive, at a moderate cost, standard errors applicable to the estimates in this report. Instead of providing an individual standard error for each estimate, we have provided two parameters, a and b, to calculate standard errors for each type of characteristic.

Table C-3 provides standard error parameters for various types of characteristics. Table C-4 provides factors to approximate CPS standard errors for estimates prior to 1998. Table C-5 provides CPS Hispanic parameters for estimate prior to 1984. Table C-6 provides CPS Asian and Pacific Islander parameters for income and nonincome characteristics. Table C-7 has the year-to-year correlation coefficients for income characteristics.

Table C-4. **CPS Factors to Apply to a and b Parameters for Estimates Prior to 1998**

Characteristic	Factor
NON-HISPANIC	
1995 to 1997	1.00
1989 to 1994	0.92
1988	1.02
1981 to 1987	0.86
1967 to 1980	0.75
HISPANIC	
1995 to 1997	1.00
1989 to 1994	0.92
1988	1.19
1984 to 1987	0.86

The sample estimate and its standard error enable one to construct a confidence interval, a range that would include the average result of all possible samples with a known probability. For example, if all possible samples were surveyed under essentially the same general conditions and using the same sample design, and if an estimate and its standard error were calculated from each sample, then approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.645 standard errors below the estimate to 1.645 standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.

A particular confidence interval may or may not contain the average estimate derived from all possible samples. However, one can say with specified confidence that the interval includes the average estimate calculated from all possible samples.

Table A in the text lists estimates followed by a number labeled “90-pct. C.I. (±).” This number can be added to and subtracted from the estimate to calculate upper and lower bounds of the 90-percent confidence interval. For example, for the statement “the poverty rate for the United States dropped to 12.7 percent in 1998,” the 90-percent confidence interval for the estimate, 12.7 percent, is 12.7 (±0.3) percent, or 12.4 percent to 13.0 percent.

Data users may also use standard errors to perform hypothesis testing. This is a procedure for distinguishing between population parameters using sample estimates. One common type of hypothesis appearing in this report is that two population parameters are different. An example of this would be comparing the median annual income of Black families with the median annual income of White families.

One can perform tests at various levels of significance. The significance level of a test is the probability of concluding that the characteristics are different when, in fact, they are the same. All statements of comparison in the text were tested at the 0.10 level of significance or better. This means that the absolute value of the estimated difference between characteristics is greater than or equal to 1.645 times the standard error of the difference. Table A in the text displays an asterisk next to significant differences. Please observe that the absolute value of the significant differences is greater than 1.645 times the standard error (labeled “90-pct. C.I.”).

The Census Bureau uses 90-percent confidence intervals and 0.10 levels of significance to determine statistical validity. Consult standard statistical textbooks for alternative criteria.

Standard errors of estimated numbers. One can obtain the approximate standard error, s_x , of an estimated number shown in this report by using the formula:

$$s_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \tag{1}$$

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the parameters in Tables C-3 or C-6 associated with the particular type of characteristic. When calculating standard errors from cross-tabulations involving different characteristics, use the set of parameters for the characteristic which will give the largest standard error.

Illustration. Table 2 shows that there were 34,476,000 people below the poverty level in 1998. Use the appropriate parameters from Table C-3 and formula (1) to get

Number, x	34,476,000
a parameter	−0.000038
b parameter	10,380
Standard error	559,000
90-percent conf. int.	33,556,000 to 35,396,000
The standard error is calculated as	

$s_x = \sqrt{-0.000038 \times 34,476,000^2 + 10,380 \times 34,476,000} = 559,000$
The 90-percent confidence interval is calculated as 34,476,000 ± 1.645 × 559,000.

A conclusion that the average estimate derived from all possible samples lies within a range computed in this way would be correct for roughly 90 percent of all possible samples.

Standard errors of estimated percentages. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed using sample data from both numerator and denominator, depends on both the size of the percentage and its base. Estimated percentages are relatively more reliable than the corresponding estimates of the numerators of the percentages, particularly if the percentages are 50 percent or more. When the numerator and denominator of the percentage are in different categories, use the parameter from Table C-3 or C-6 indicated by the numerator. One can obtain the approximate standard error, $s_{x,p}$, of an estimated percentage by using the formula

$$s_{x,p} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} p(100 - p)} \quad (2)$$

Here x is the total number of people, families, households, or unrelated individuals in the base of the percentage, p is the percentage ($0 \leq p \leq 100$), and b is the parameter in Table C-3 or C-6 associated with the characteristic in the numerator of the percentage.

Illustration. Table 2 shows that of the 34,476,000 people below the poverty level in 1998, 23,454,000, or 68.0 percent, were White. Use the appropriate parameter from Table C-3 and formula (2) to get

Percentage, p	68.0
Base, x	34,476,000
b parameter	10,380
Standard error	0.8
90-percent conf. int.	66.7 to 69.3

The standard error is calculated as

$$s_{s,p} = \sqrt{\frac{10,380}{34,476,000} \times 68.0 \times (100 - 68.0)} = 0.8$$

The 90-percent confidence interval is calculated as $68.0 \pm 1.645 \times 0.8$.

Standard error of a difference. The standard error of the difference between two sample estimates is approximately equal to

$$s_{x-y} = \sqrt{s_x^2 + s_y^2 - 2rs_xs_y} \quad (3)$$

where s_x and s_y are the standard errors of the estimates, x and y . The estimates can be numbers, percentages, ratios, etc. Table C-7 contains the correlation coefficient, r , for year-to-year comparisons for CPS income estimates of numbers and proportions. For other comparisons, assume that r equals zero. Making this assumption will result in accurate estimates of standard errors for the difference between two estimates of the same characteristic in two different areas, or for the difference between separate and uncorrelated characteristics in the same area. However, if there is a high positive (negative) correlation between the two characteristics, the formula will overestimate (underestimate) the true standard error.

Illustration. Table A shows that the number of people below the poverty level in 1998 was 34,476,000 and in 1997 was 35,574,000. The apparent difference is -1,098,000. Use the appropriate parameters and factors from Table C-3 and Table C-4 and formulas (1) and (3) to get

	x	y	difference
Estimate, x	34,476,000	35,574,000	-1,098,000
a parameter	-0.000038	-0.000038	-
b parameter	10,380	10,380	-
r	-	-	0.45
Standard error	559,000	567,000	590,000
90-percent conf. int.	33,556,000 to 35,396,000	34,642,000 to 36,506,000	-2,069,000 to -127,000

The standard error of the difference is calculated as

$$s_{x-y} = \sqrt{559,000^2 + 567,000^2 - 2 \times 0.45 \times 559,000 \times 567,000} = 591,000$$

The 90-percent confidence interval for the estimated difference between the number of people in poverty for 1998 and 1997 is calculated as $-1,096,000 \pm 1.645 \times 591,000$. Because this interval does not contain zero, we can conclude with 90-percent confidence that the number of people below the poverty level in 1998 was lower than the number of people below the poverty level in 1997.

Standard error of a ratio. Certain estimates may be calculated as the ratio of two numbers. The standard error of a ratio, x/y , may be computed using

$$s_{x/y} = \frac{x}{y} \sqrt{\left(\frac{s_x}{x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{s_y}{y}\right)^2 - 2r \frac{s_x s_y}{xy}} \quad (4)$$

The standard error of the numerator, s_x , and that of the denominator, s_y , may be calculated using formulas described earlier. In formula (4), r represents the correlation between the numerator and the denominator of the estimate.

For one type of ratio, the denominator is a count of families or households and the numerator is a count of people in those families or households with a certain characteristic. If there is at least one person with the characteristic in every family or household, use 0.7 as an estimate of r . An example of this type is the average number of children per family with children.

For all other types of ratios, r is assumed to be zero. If r is actually positive (negative), then this procedure will provide an overestimate (underestimate) of the standard error of the ratio. Examples of this type are the average number of children per family and the family poverty rate.

Note: For estimates expressed as the ratio of x per 100 y or x per 1,000 y , multiply formula (4) by 100 or 1,000, respectively, to obtain the standard error.

Table C-5. **CPS Standard Error Parameters for Poverty, Income, and Nonincome Characteristics of Hispanics: 1972 to 1983**

Characteristics	1972-1980		1981-1983	
	a	b	a	b
BELOW POVERTY LEVEL				
People				
Total	-0.000063	11,528	-0.001131	12,901
Male	-0.000130	11,528	-0.002307	12,901
Female	-0.000123	11,528	-0.002219	12,901
Age				
Under 15	-0.000052	6,057	-0.001399	6,778
Under 18	-0.000044	6,057	-0.001184	6,778
15 and over	-0.000032	11,528	-0.000421	12,901
15 to 24	-0.000122	4,520	-0.001414	5,058
25 to 44	-0.000097	4,520	-0.000962	5,058
45 to 64	-0.000117	4,520	-0.002147	5,058
65 and over	-0.000153	4,520	-0.006068	5,058
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals				
Total	-0.000014	2,420	-0.000237	2,708
ALL INCOME LEVELS				
People				
Total	-0.000020	3,000	-0.000301	3,357
Male	-0.000043	3,000	-0.000615	3,357
Female	-0.000038	3,000	-0.000591	3,357
Age				
15 to 24	-0.000080	3,000	-0.000961	3,357
25 to 44	-0.000065	3,000	-0.000668	3,357
45 to 64	-0.000077	3,000	-0.001459	3,357
65 and over	-0.000147	3,000	-0.004124	3,357
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals				
Total	-0.000014	2,420	-0.000237	2,708
Households with children under age 18	-0.000014	2,420	-0.000237	2,708
NONINCOME CHARACTERISTICS				
People				
Employment status	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Educational attainment	-0.000015	2,344	-0.000152	2,623
Total, Marital Status, Other				
Some household members	-0.000026	5,069	-0.000294	5,673
All household members	-0.000044	10,199	-0.000592	11,414
Households, Families, and Unrelated Individuals				
Total	-0.000020	1,626	-0.000022	1,820

Note: Data users should multiply the a and b parameters by 1.5 for nonmetropolitan residence categories. The Census Bureau did not publish income data for Hispanics before 1972.

Table C-6. **CPS Standard Error Parameters for Poverty, Income, and Nonincome Characteristics of Asians and Pacific Islanders: 1998**

Characteristics	a	b
BELOW POVERTY LEVEL		
People	-0.001119	10,380
Households, families, and unrelated individuals	0.000102	2,442
ALL INCOME LEVELS		
People	-0.000283	2,810
Households, families, and unrelated individuals	-0.000336	2,447
NONINCOME CHARACTERISTICS		
People		
Total, marital status, other		
Some household members	-0.000561	7,486
All household members	-0.000827	11,039
Households, families, and unrelated individuals	-0.000188	1,871

Note: To obtain parameters prior to 1998, multiply by the appropriate factor in Table C-4. Income data for Asians and Pacific Islanders were not collected prior to 1988.

Table C-7. **CPS Year-to-Year Correlation Coefficients for Poverty and Income Estimates**

Characteristics	Below poverty level								All income levels	
	1972-83 or 1984-98		1983-1984		1971-1972		1970-1971		1960-1998	
	People	Families	People	Families	People	Families	People	Families	People	Families, households, and unrelated individuals
Total	0.45	0.35	0.39	0.30	0.15	0.14	0.31	0.28	0.30	0.35
White.....	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.26	0.14	0.13	0.28	0.25	0.30	0.35
Black.....	0.45	0.35	0.39	0.30	0.17	0.16	0.35	0.32	0.30	0.35
Other races	0.45	0.35	0.30	0.30	0.17	0.16	0.35	0.32	0.30	0.35
Hispanic ¹	0.65	0.55	0.56	0.47	0.17	0.16	0.35	0.32	0.45	0.55

¹Hispanics may be of any race.

Note: These correlations are for comparisons of consecutive years. For comparisons of nonconsecutive years, assume the correlations are zero. For Asians and Pacific Islanders, use the correlation coefficient for total. Correlation coefficients for 1983-84 are lower than those for 1982-83 or 1984-85 because of the phase-in of the new sample design.

Illustration. Suppose the number of families below the poverty level, x, was 7,186,000 and the total number of families, y, was 71,551,000. The ratio of families below the poverty level to the total number of families would be 0.100 or 10.0 percent. Use the appropriate parameters from Table C-3 and formulas (1) and (4) with r=0 to get

	x	y	ratio
Estimate	7,186,000	71,551,000	0.100
a parameter	+0.000102	-0.000012	
b parameter	2,442	2,068	-
Standard error	151,000	294,000	0.002
90-percent conf. int.	6,938,000 to 7,434,000	71,067,000 to 72,035,000	0.097 to 0.103

Using formula (4) with r = 0, the estimate of the standard error is

$$s_{x/y} = \frac{7,186,000}{71,551,000} \sqrt{\left[\frac{151,000}{7,186,000}\right]^2 + \left[\frac{294,000}{71,551,000}\right]^2} = 0.002$$

The 90-percent confidence interval is calculated as 0.100 ± 1.645x0.002.

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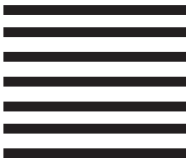


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